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PETER PARKER, THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN

THIS ISSUE'S GOT **EVERYTHING!**

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...THE BLACK
CAT BACK ON
THE PROWL!...

SPIDEY IN ACTION!...

...AND THE
TRIAL
OF THE
PUNISHER!

SO, WHAT ARE
YOU WAITING
FOR?! **BUY IT!**

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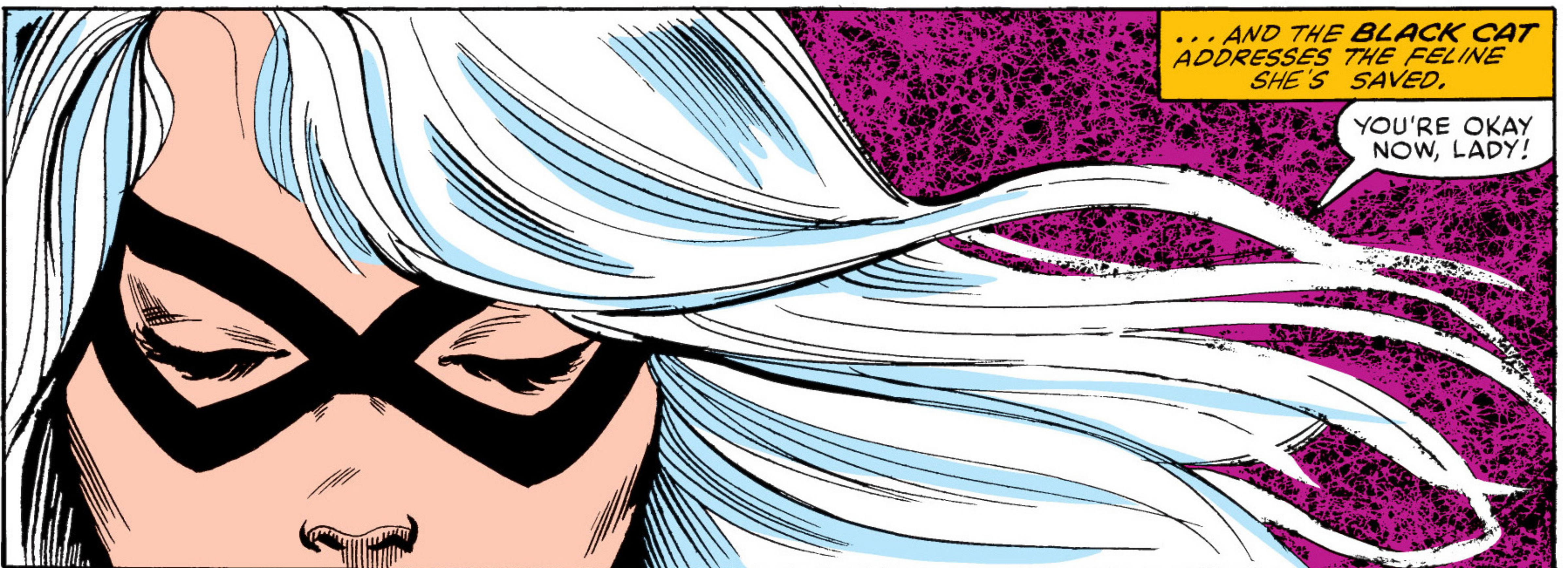
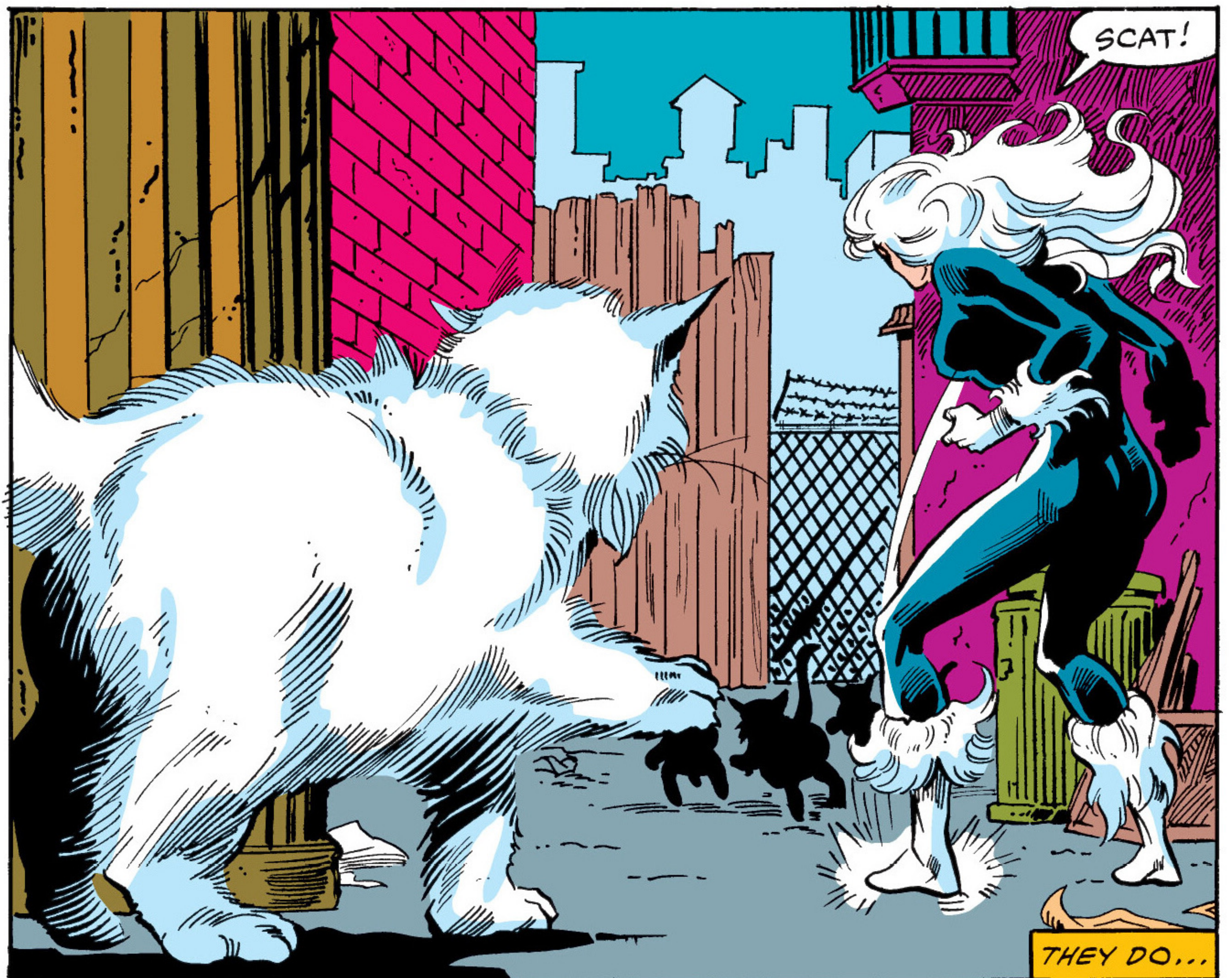
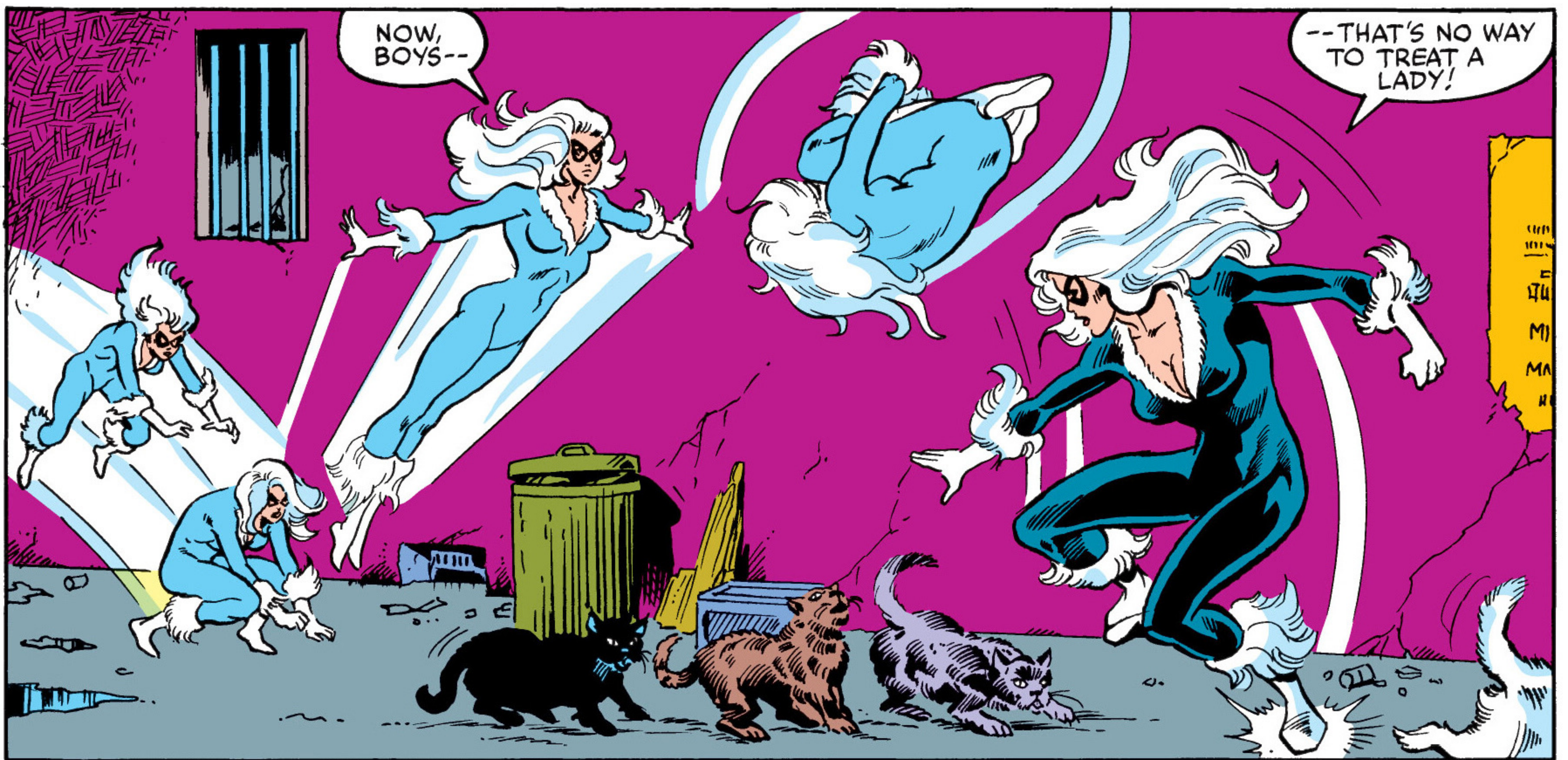
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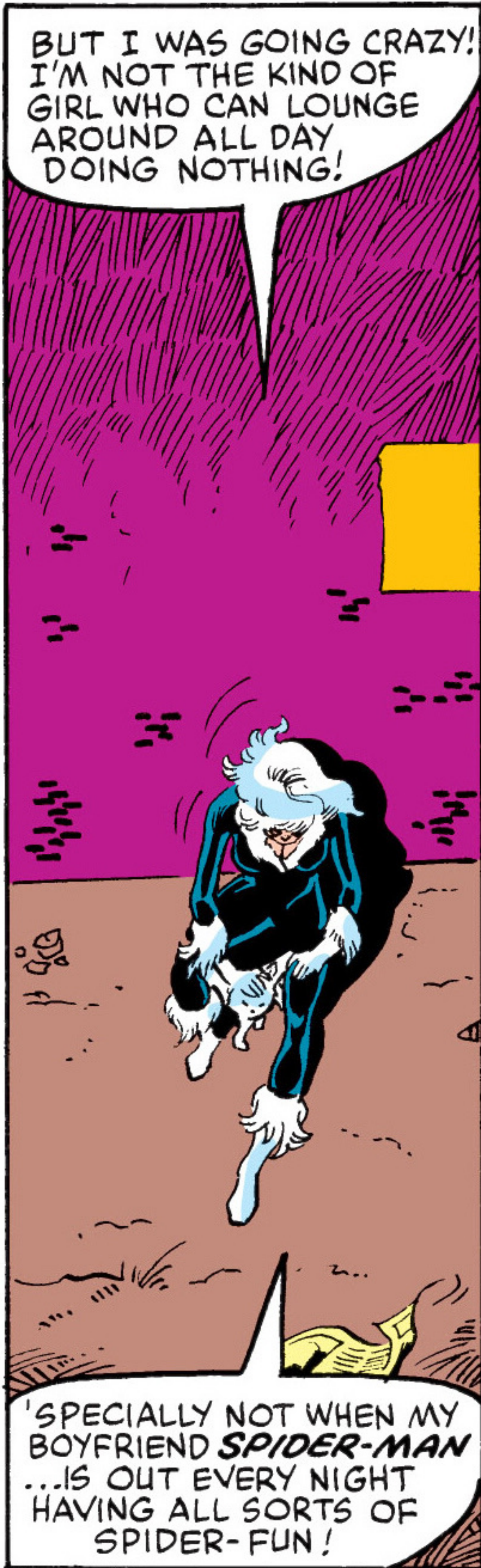
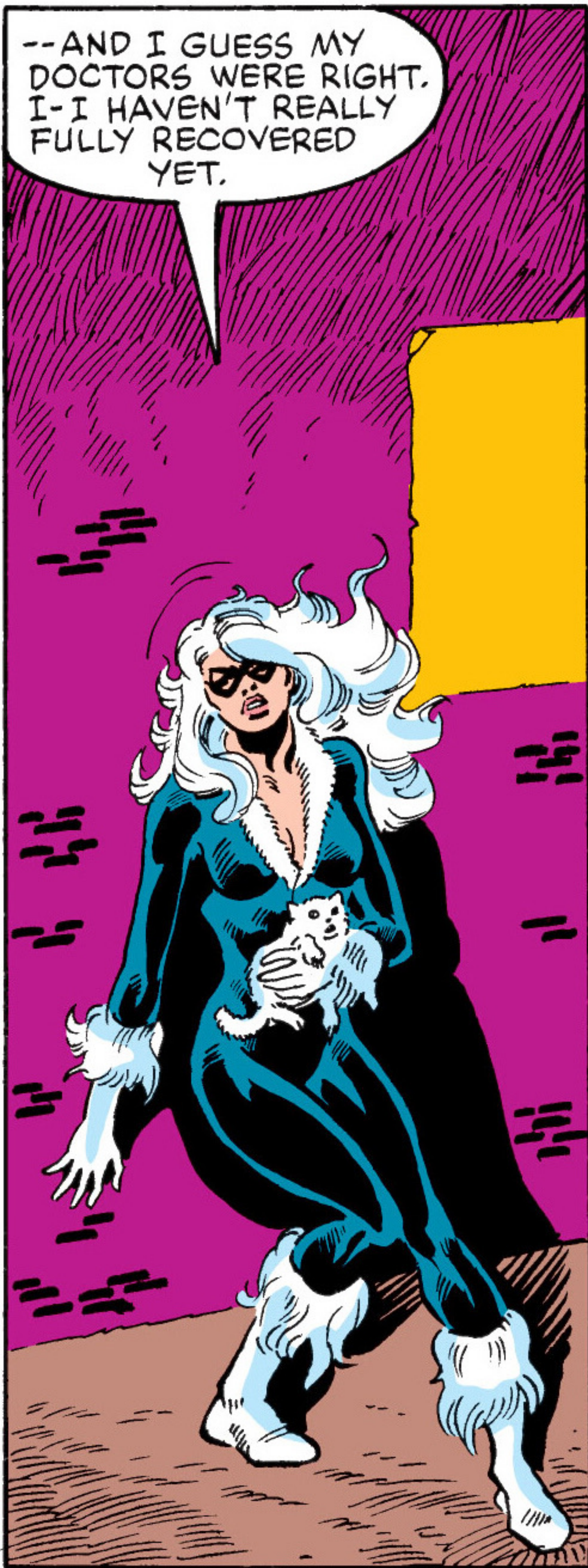
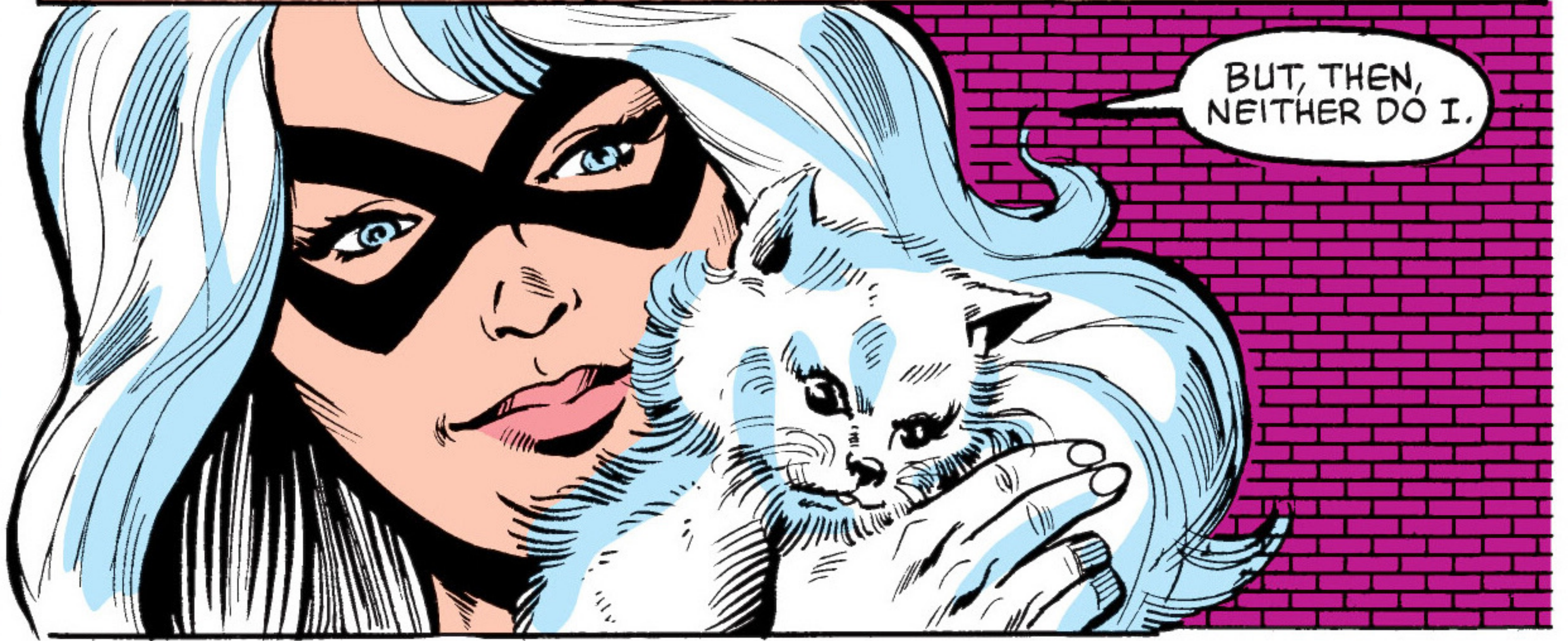
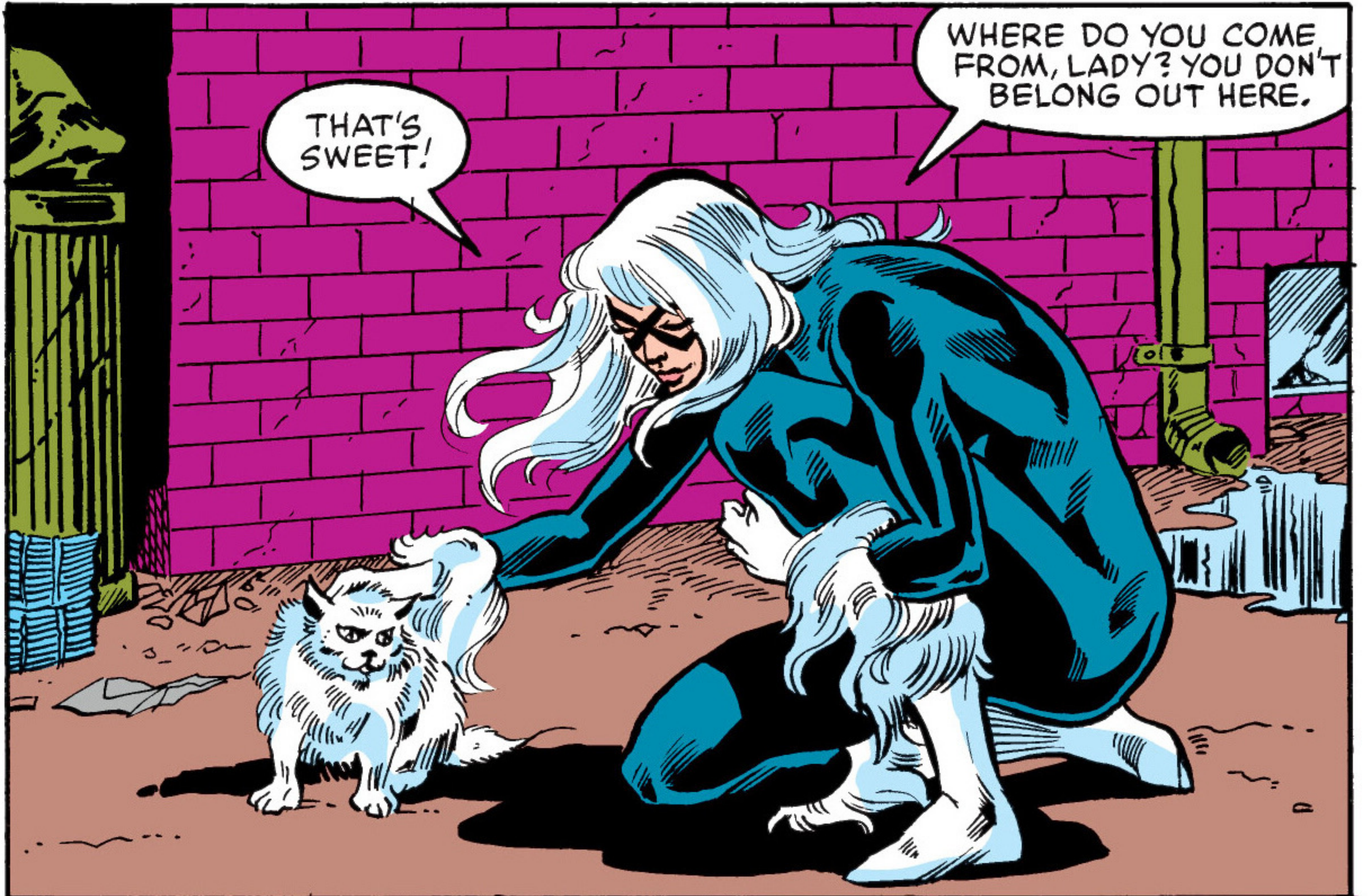
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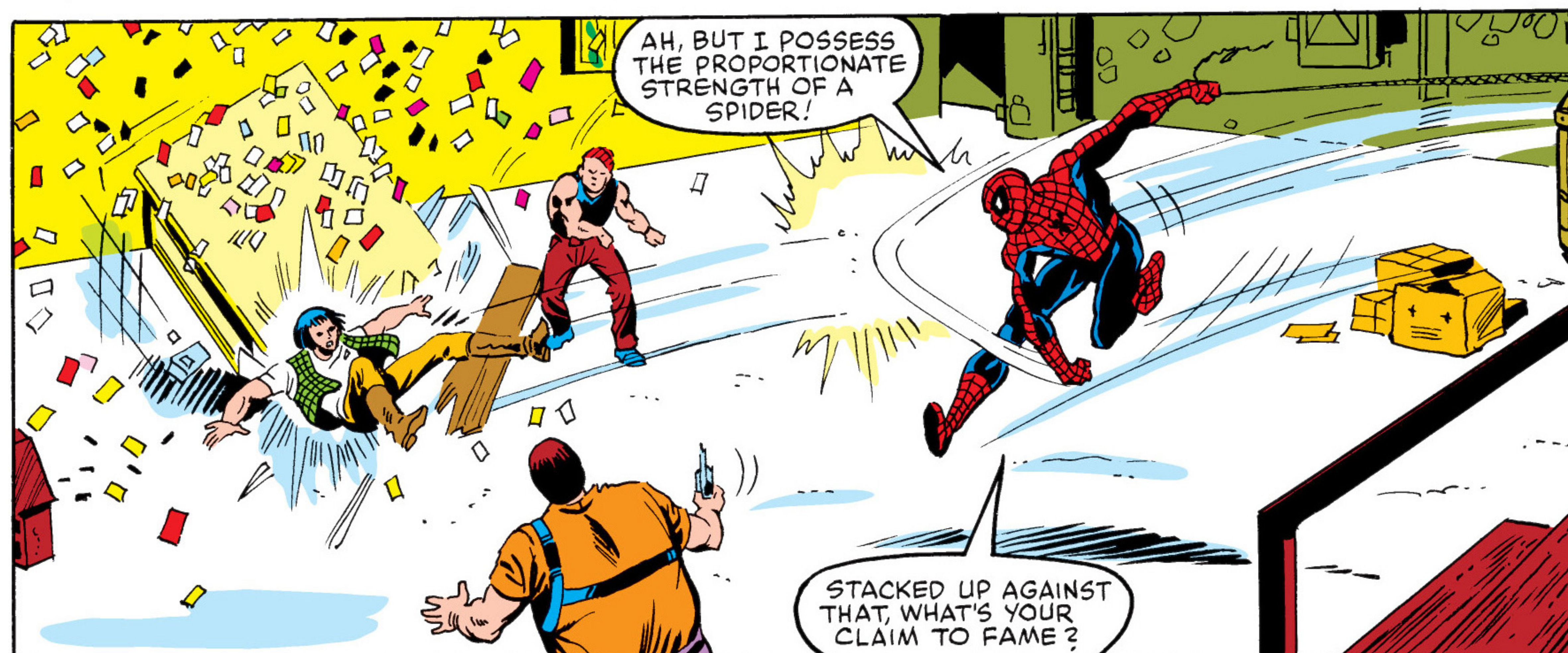
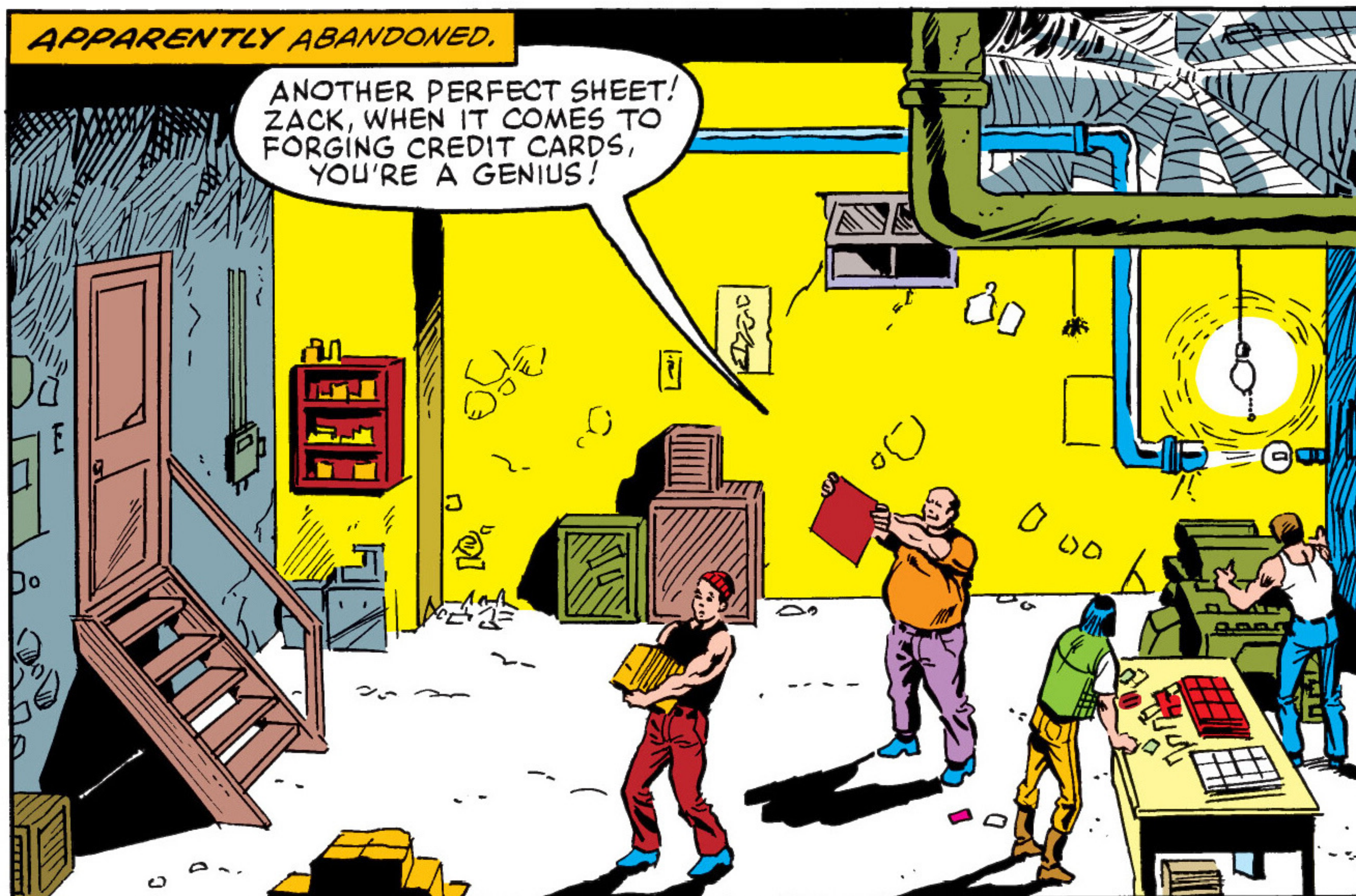
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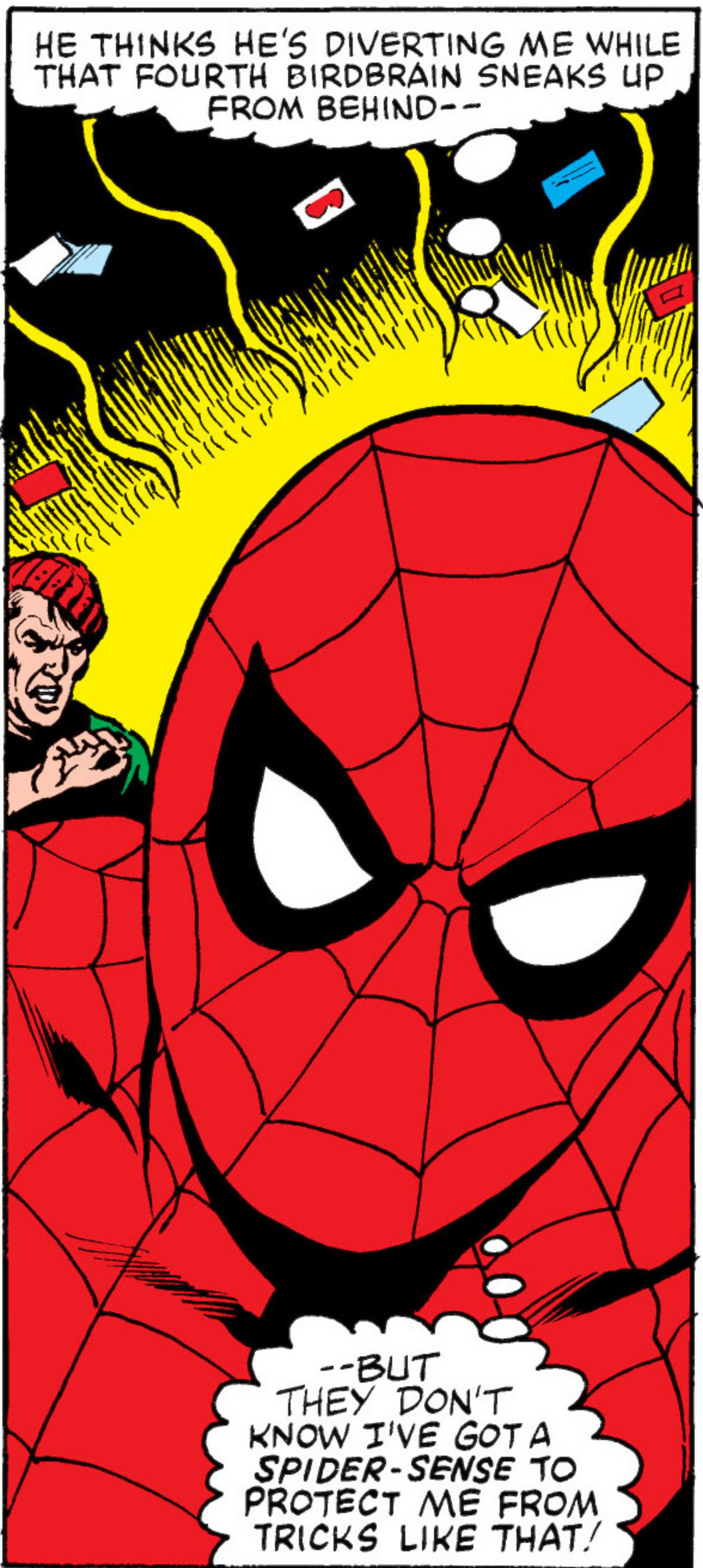
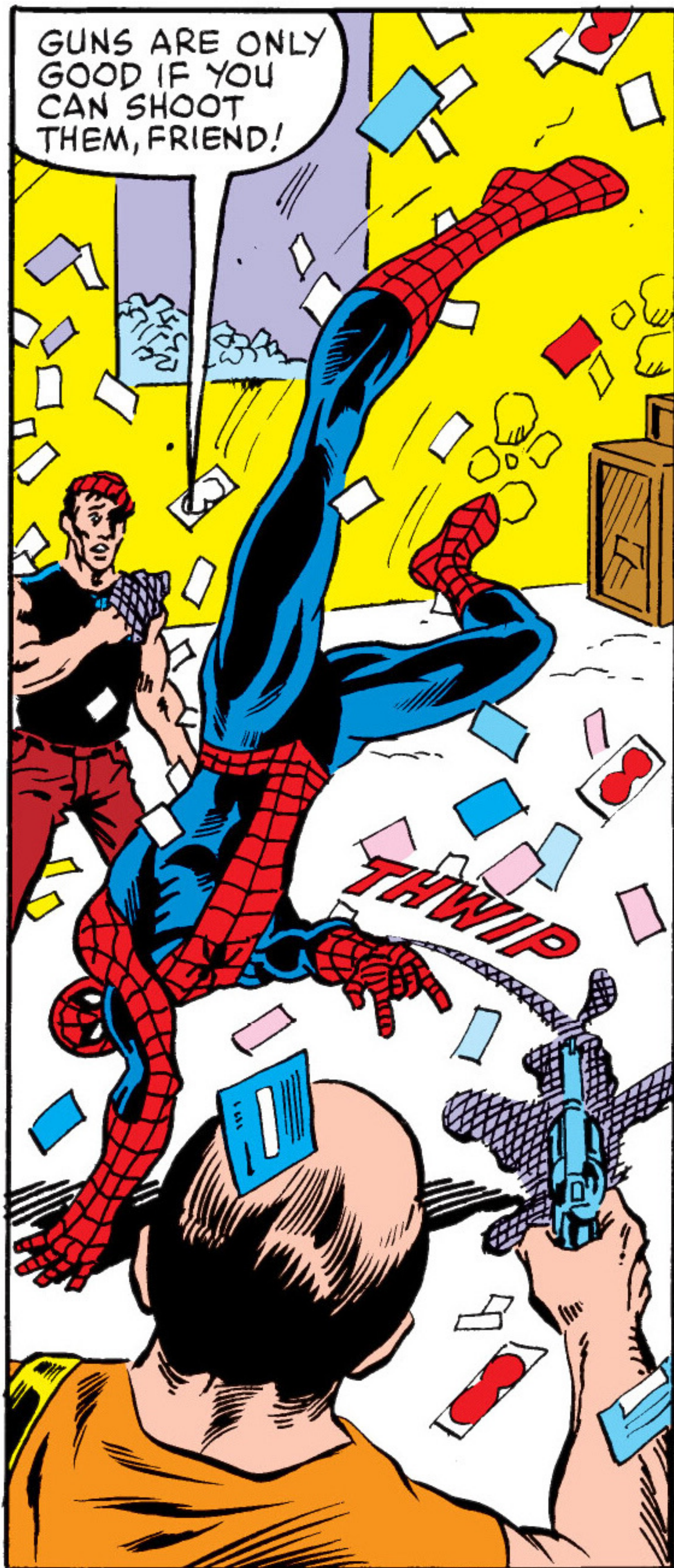
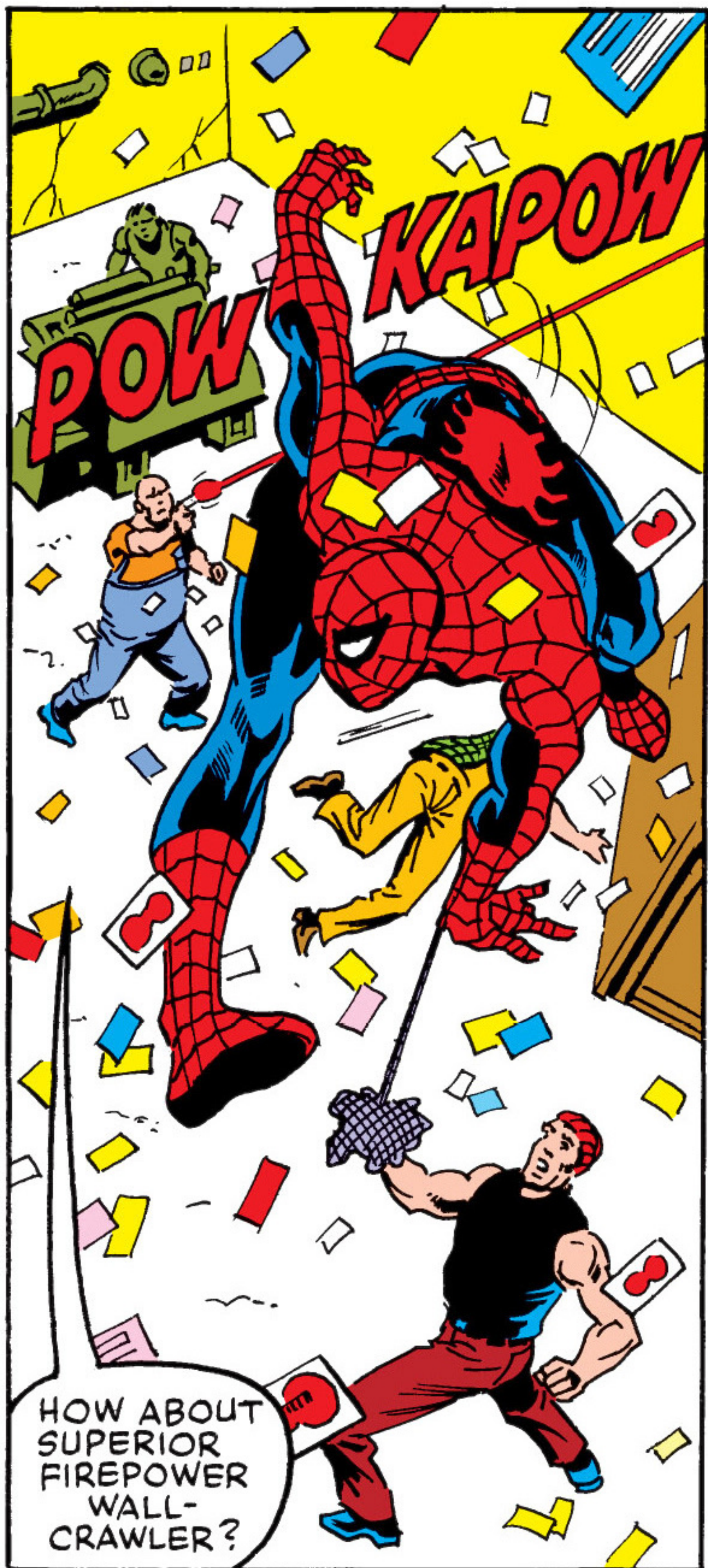
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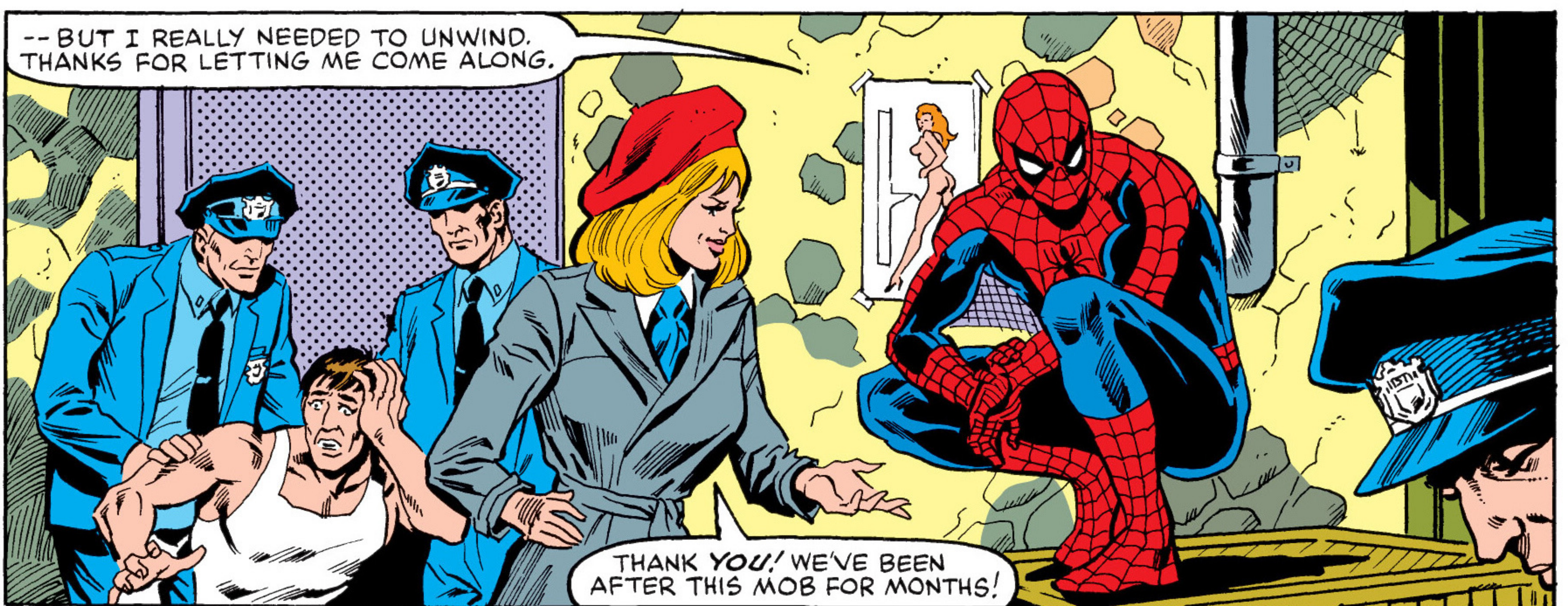
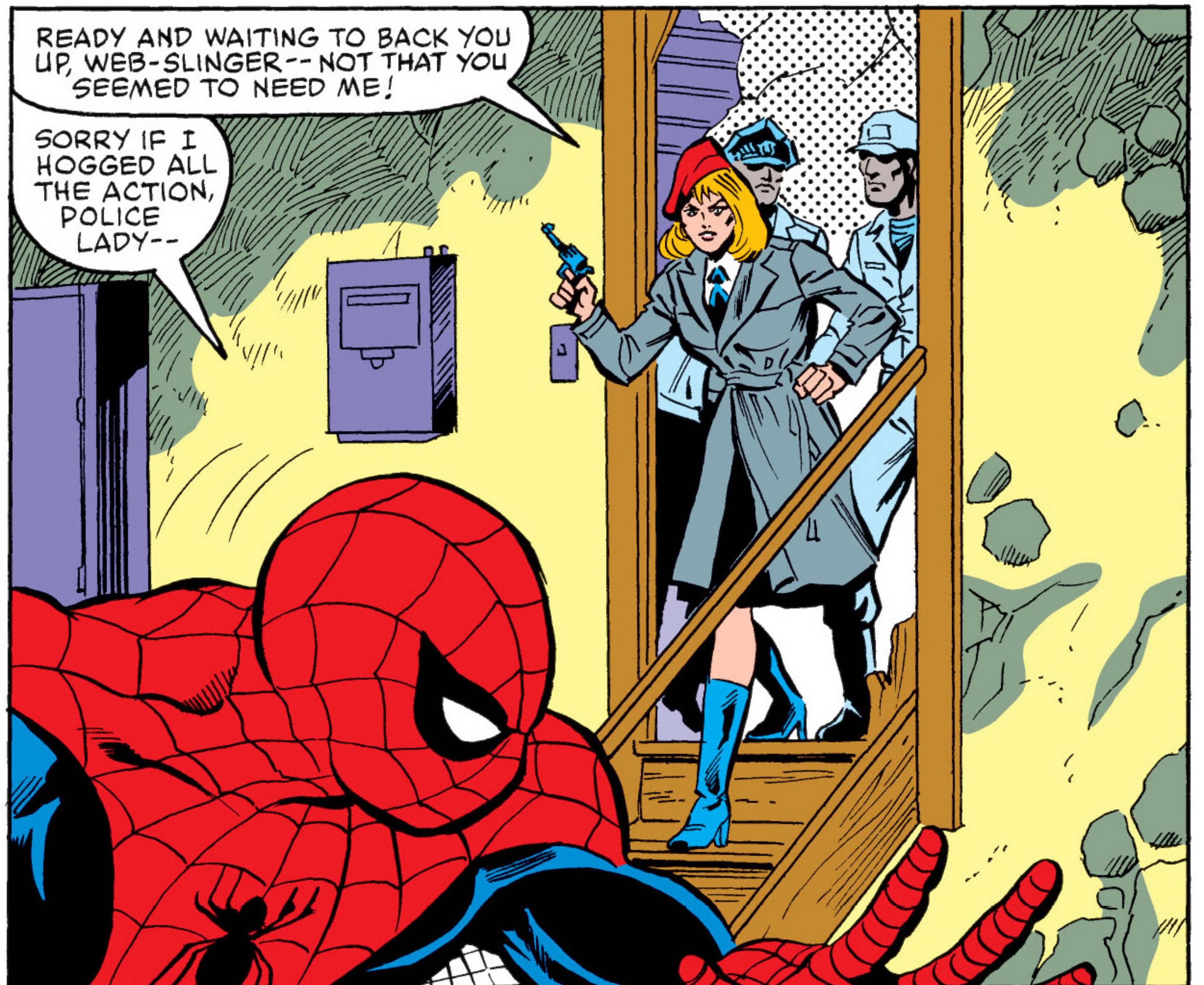
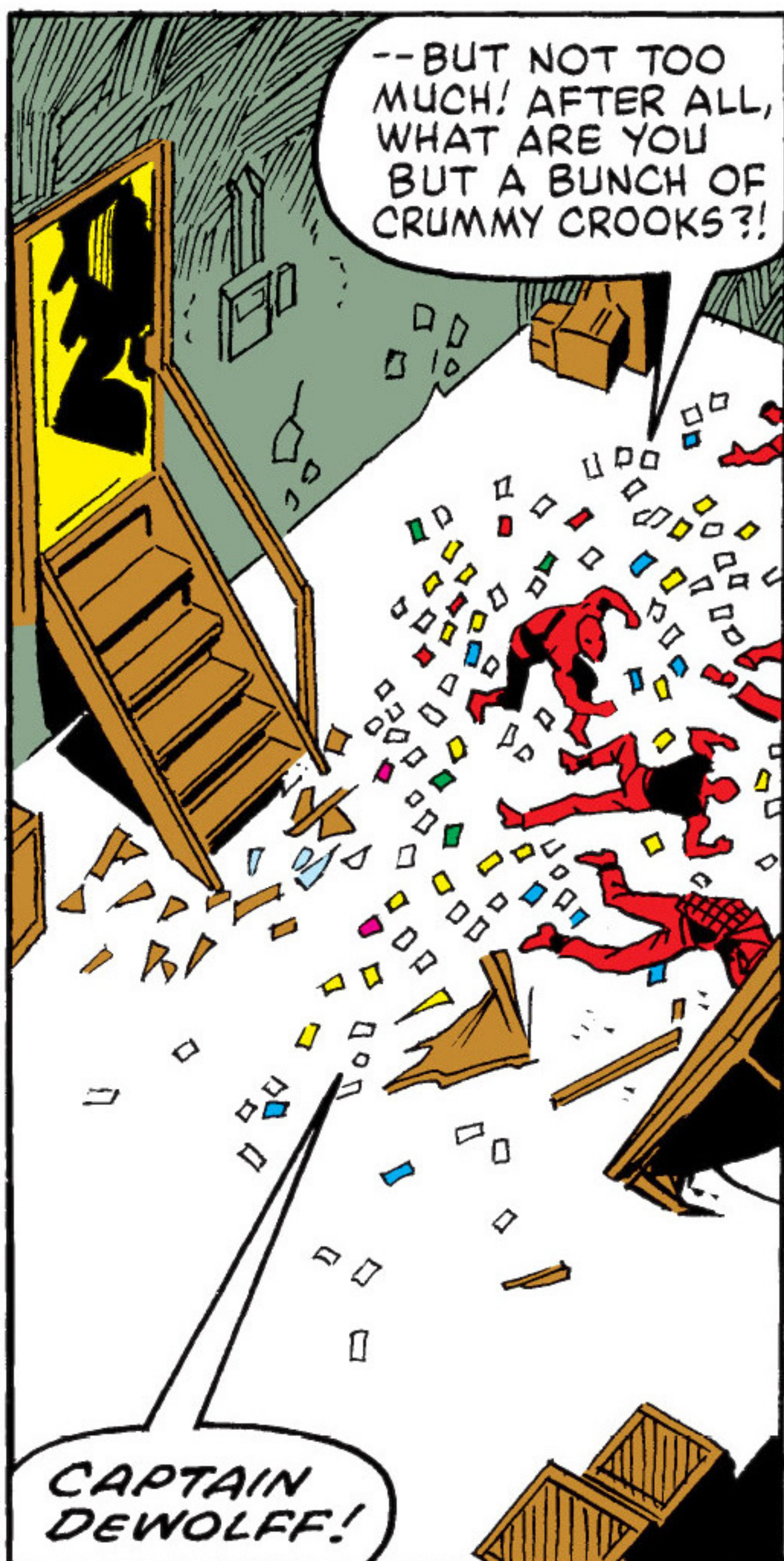
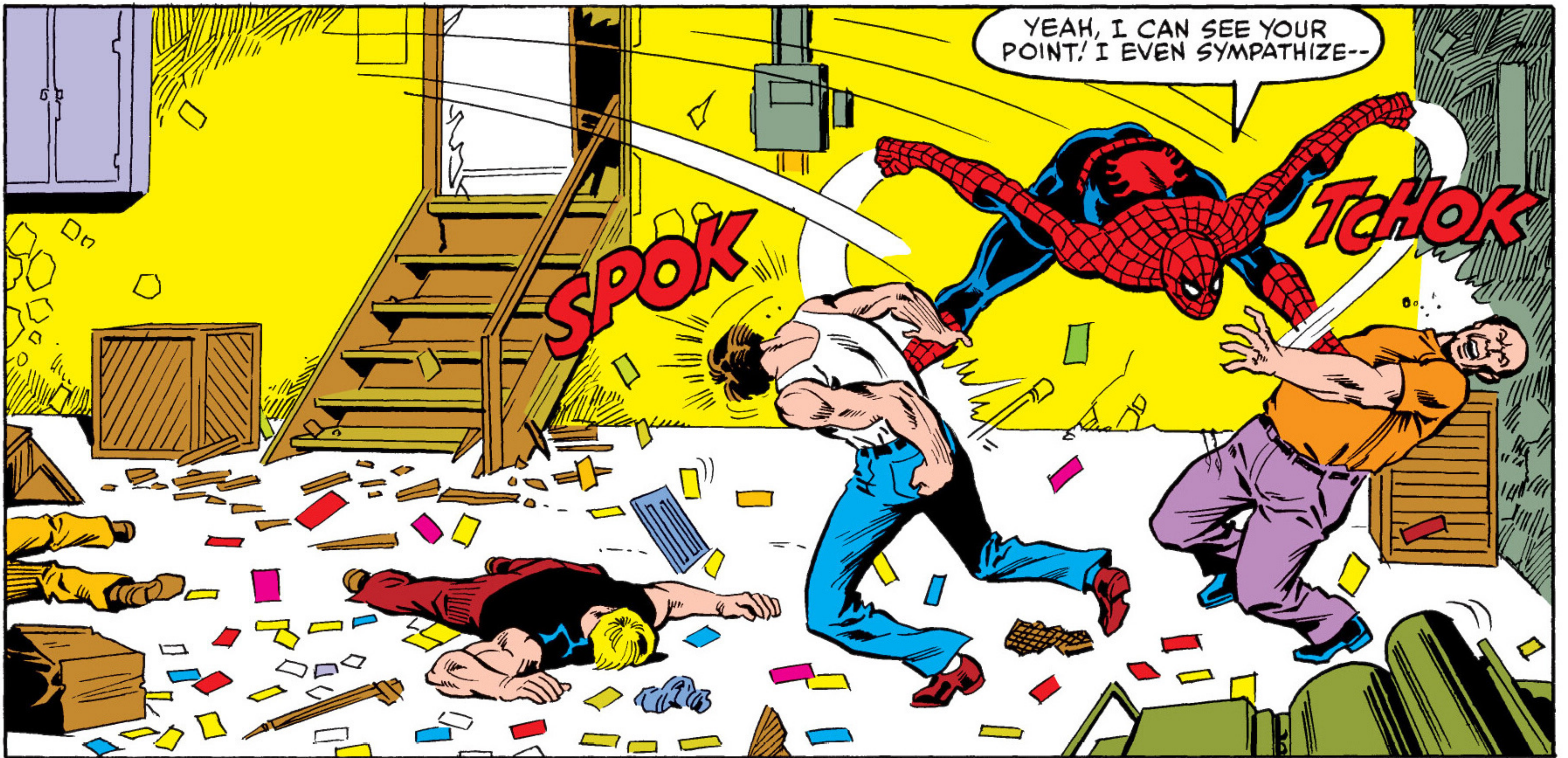












CUTE SCAM. A CROOKED EMPLOYEE AT SOME STORE SWIPES A CHARGE CARD RECEIPT SLIP. IT'S THEN SOLD TO THIS OUTFIT.

THEY MAKE UP COUNTERFEIT CARDS, ADD THE NAME AND NUMBER AND FORGE THE SIGNATURE OF THE STOLEN RECEIPT.

YOU'RE NOT LISTENING, ARE YOU? HMMM, MUST BE ALMOST VISITING HOURS AT THE HOSPITAL.

YEAH.

WELL, THEN--DON'T LET *ME* KEEP YOU FROM YOUR LADY-LOVE!

TELL THE *BLACK CAT* I SAID HELLO!

WILL DO, CAPTAIN!

AND IF THE CAT EVER DUMPS YOU, WEB-SLINGER ...WHY NOT GIVE *ME* A CALL?

POLICE CAPTAIN JEAN DEWOLFF GOES BACK ABOUT HER WORK...

...WHILE, HIGH ABOVE THE DAWN-TOUCHED CITY, THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN SWINGS ON A SLENDER STRAND OF WEBBING.

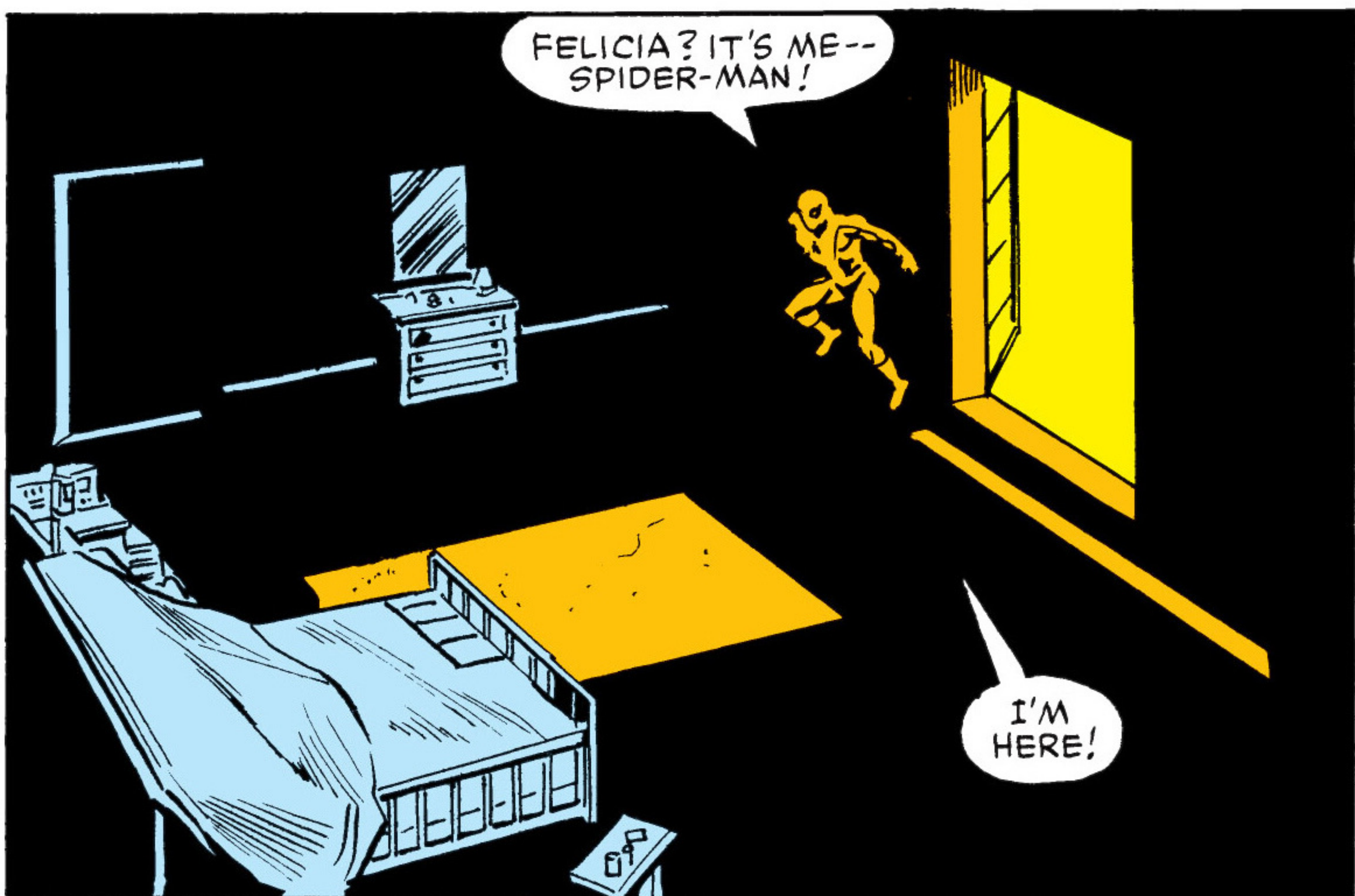
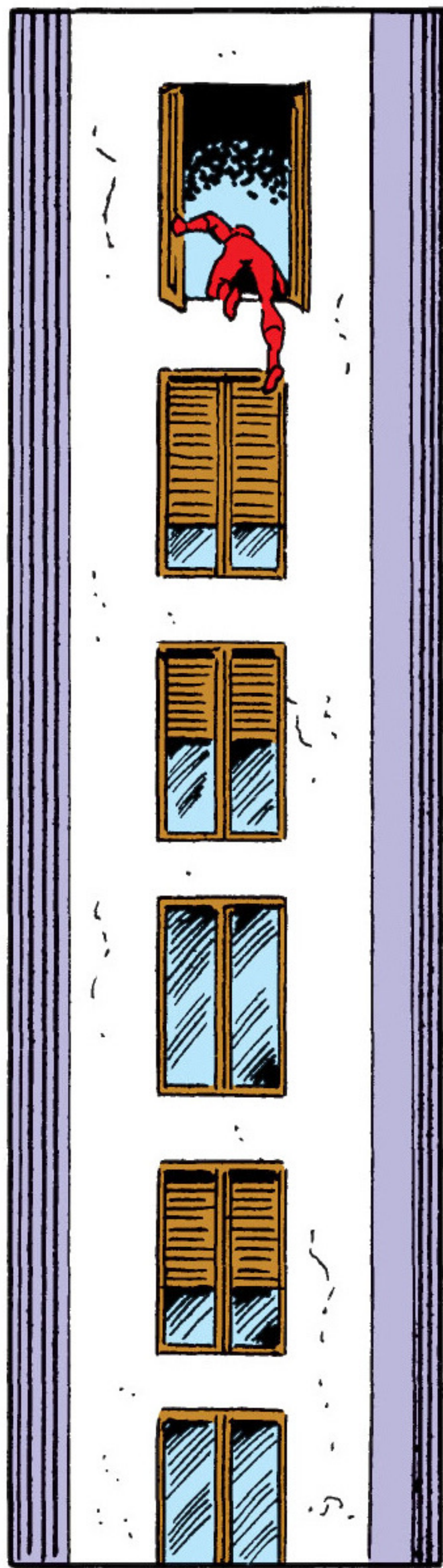
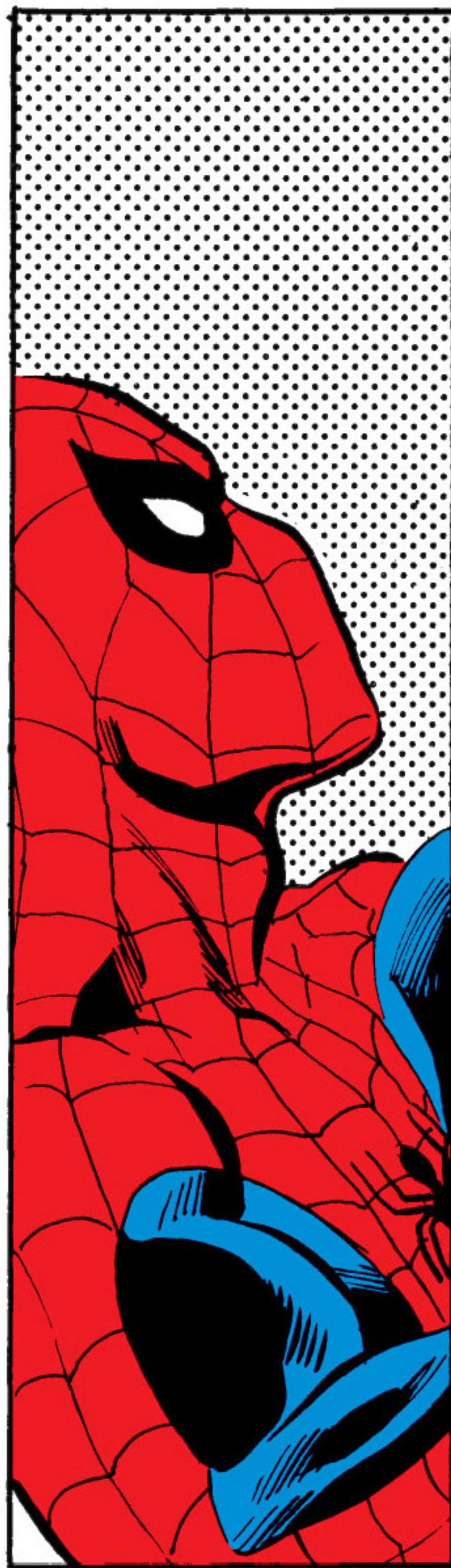
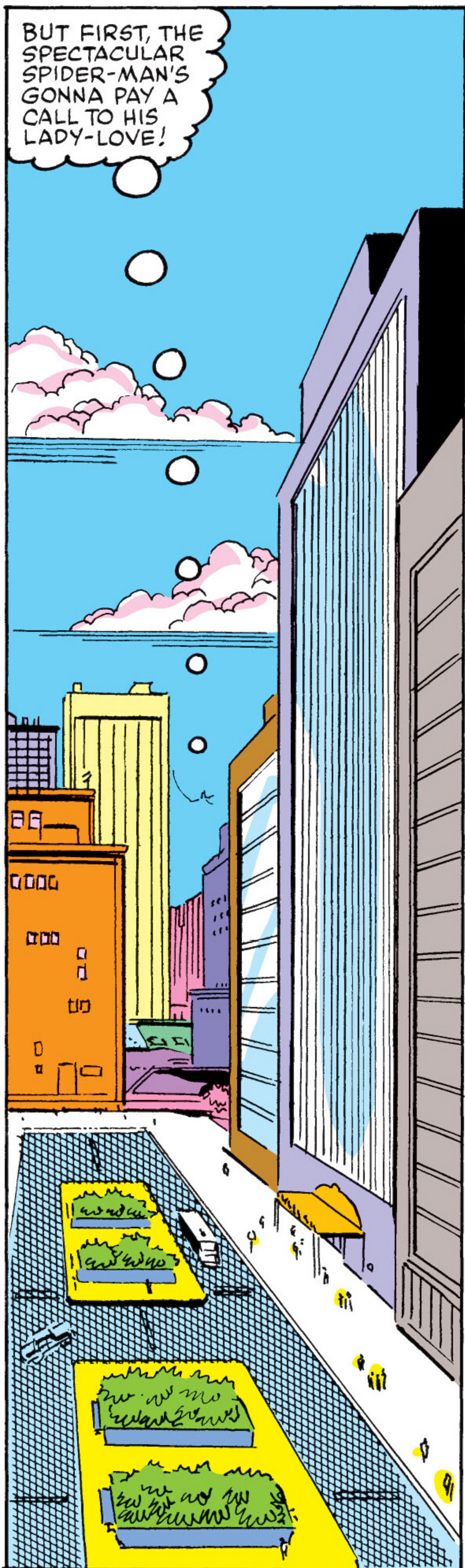
THIS HAS BEEN SOME MONTH! I'VE HAD TO DEAL WITH *KINGPIN*, THE *PUNISHER*, *CLOAK & DAGGER*--

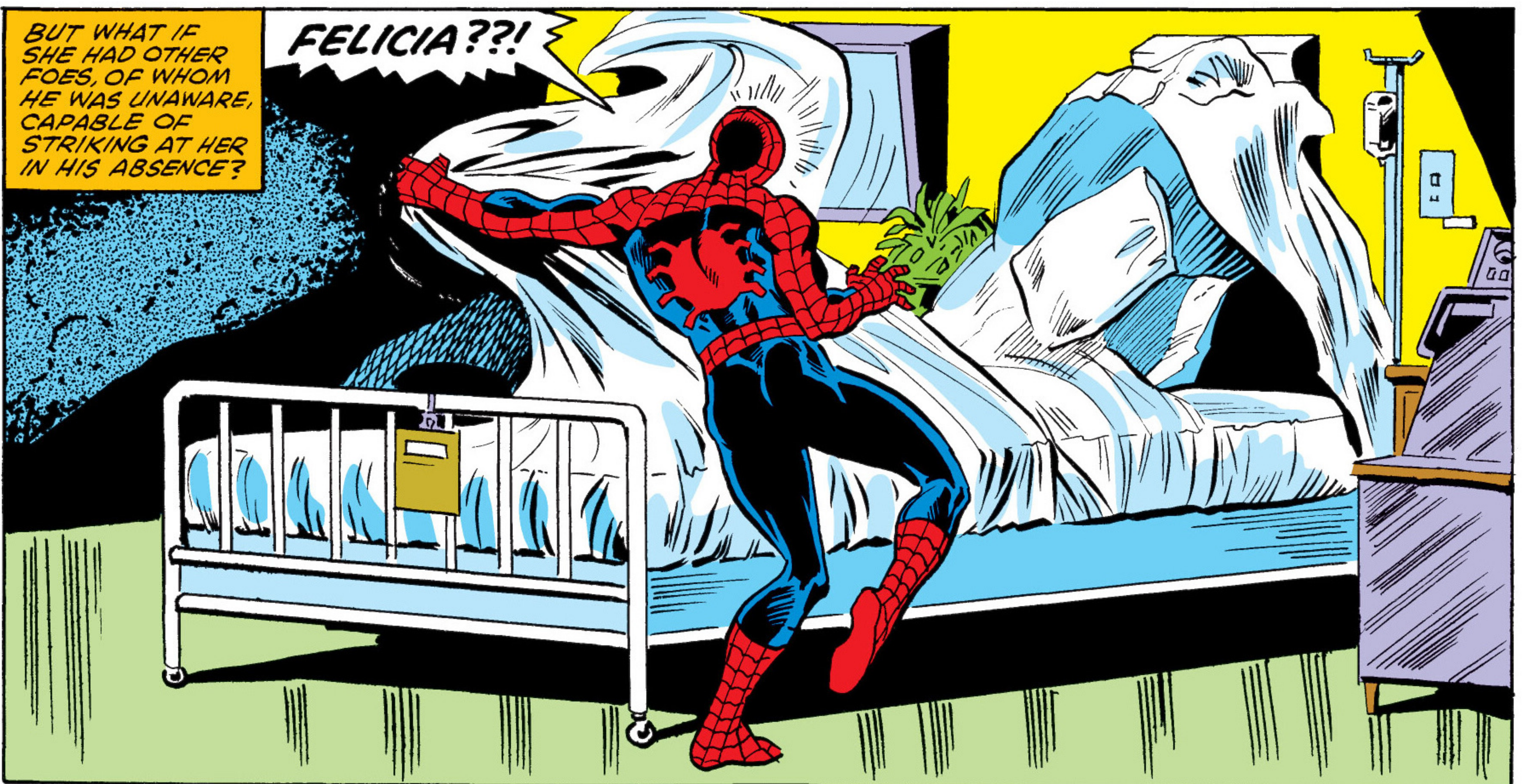
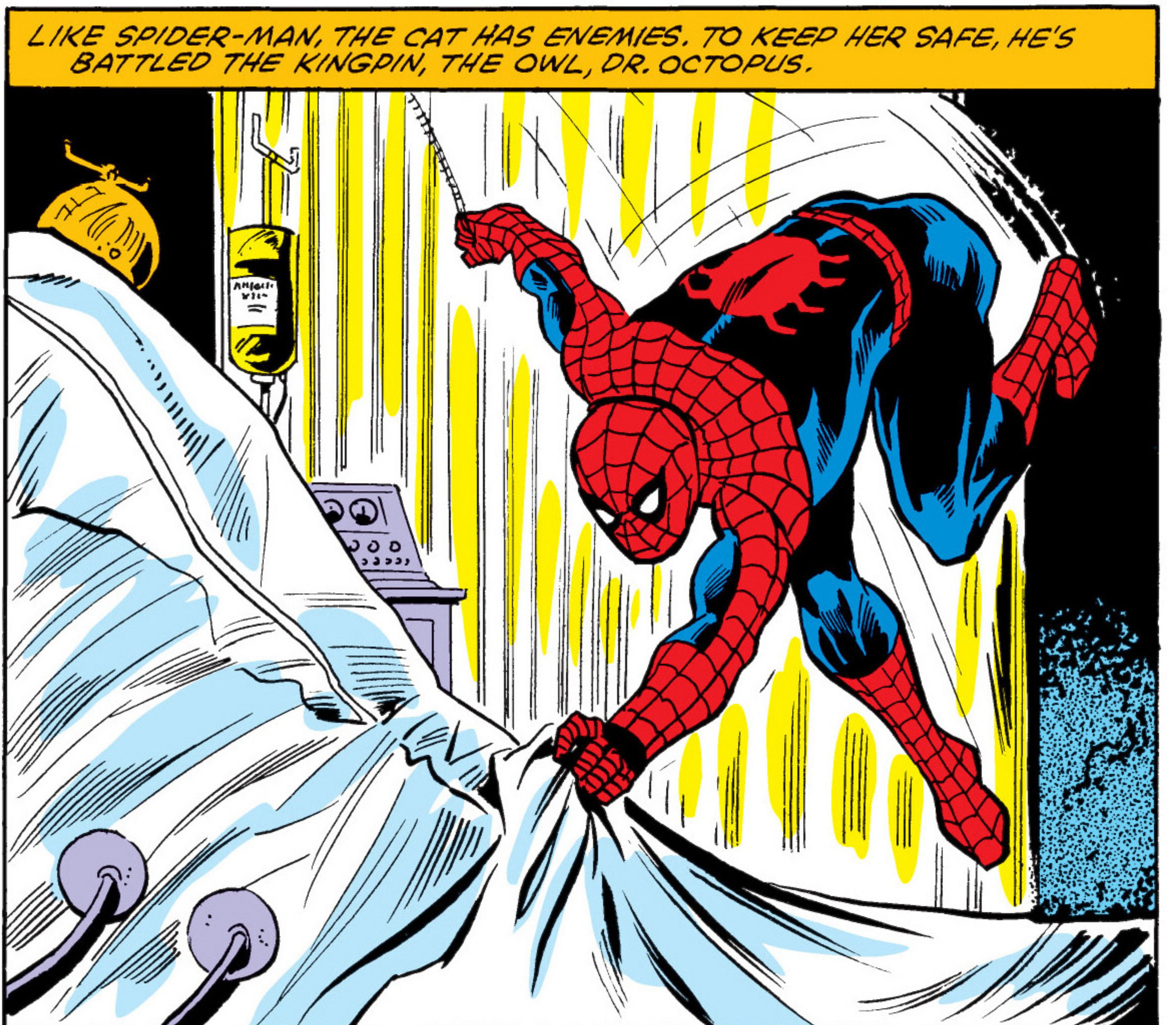
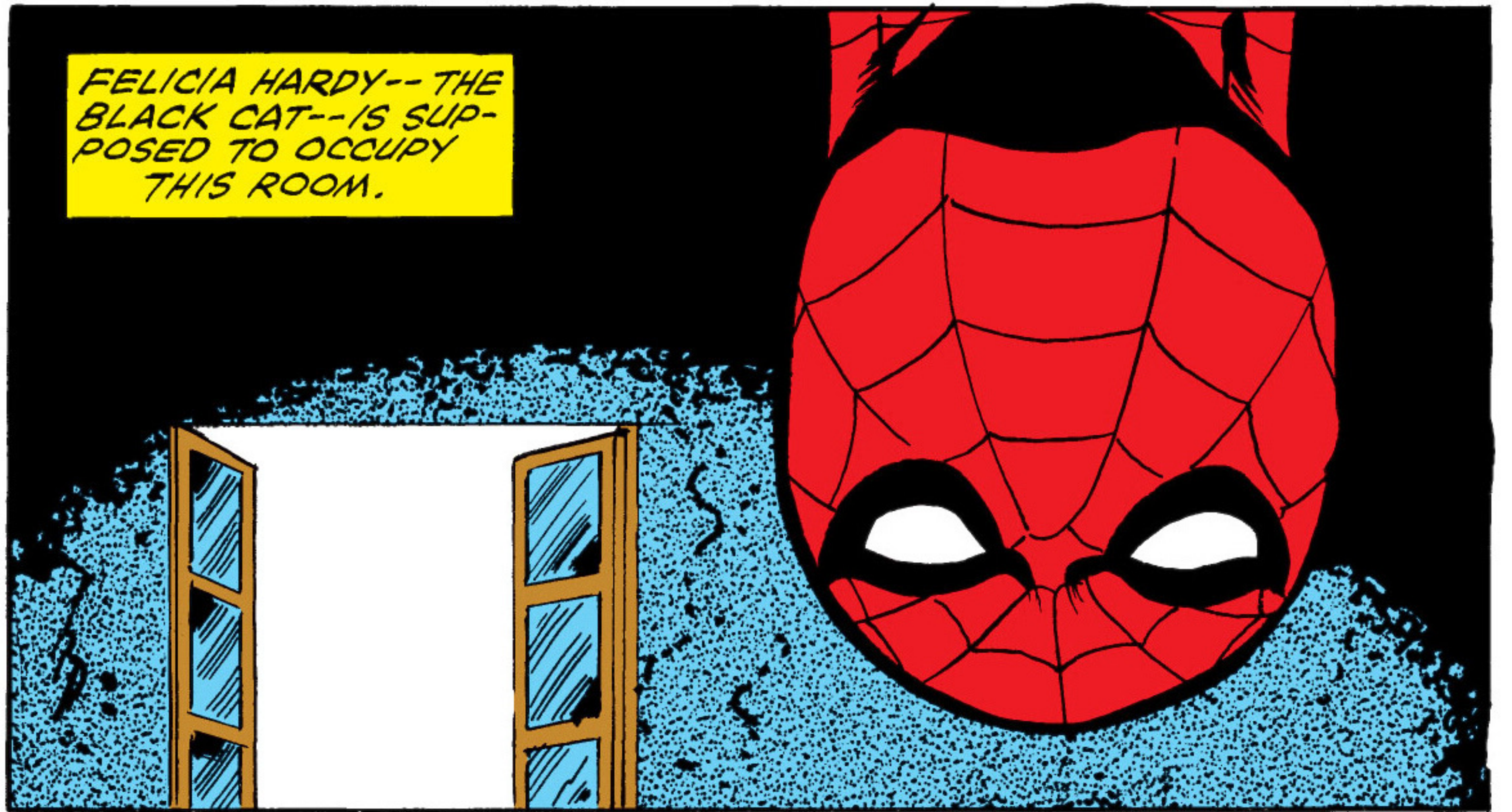
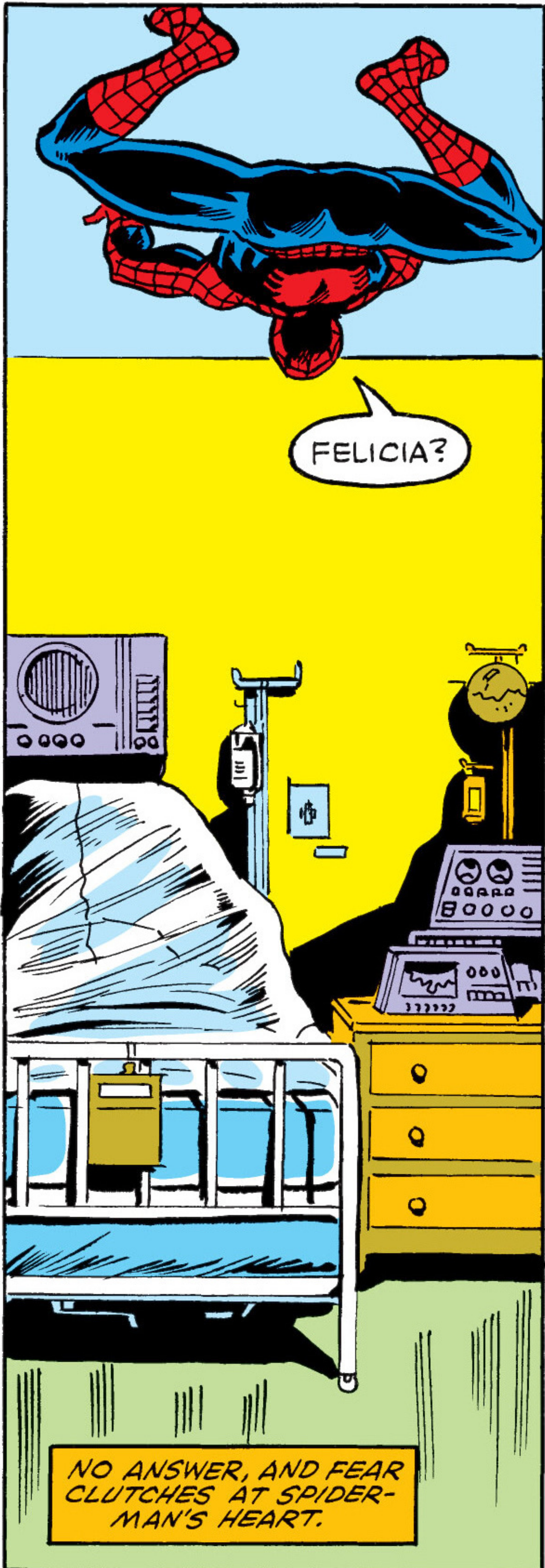
--AND THE HOMICIDAL *HOBGOBLIN*, A VILLAIN WHO'S SO CAGEY...

...THAT HE DRESSED A TWO-BIT THUG NAMED LEFTY DONOVAN IN HIS COSTUME, AND SENT HIM TO HIS DEATH!

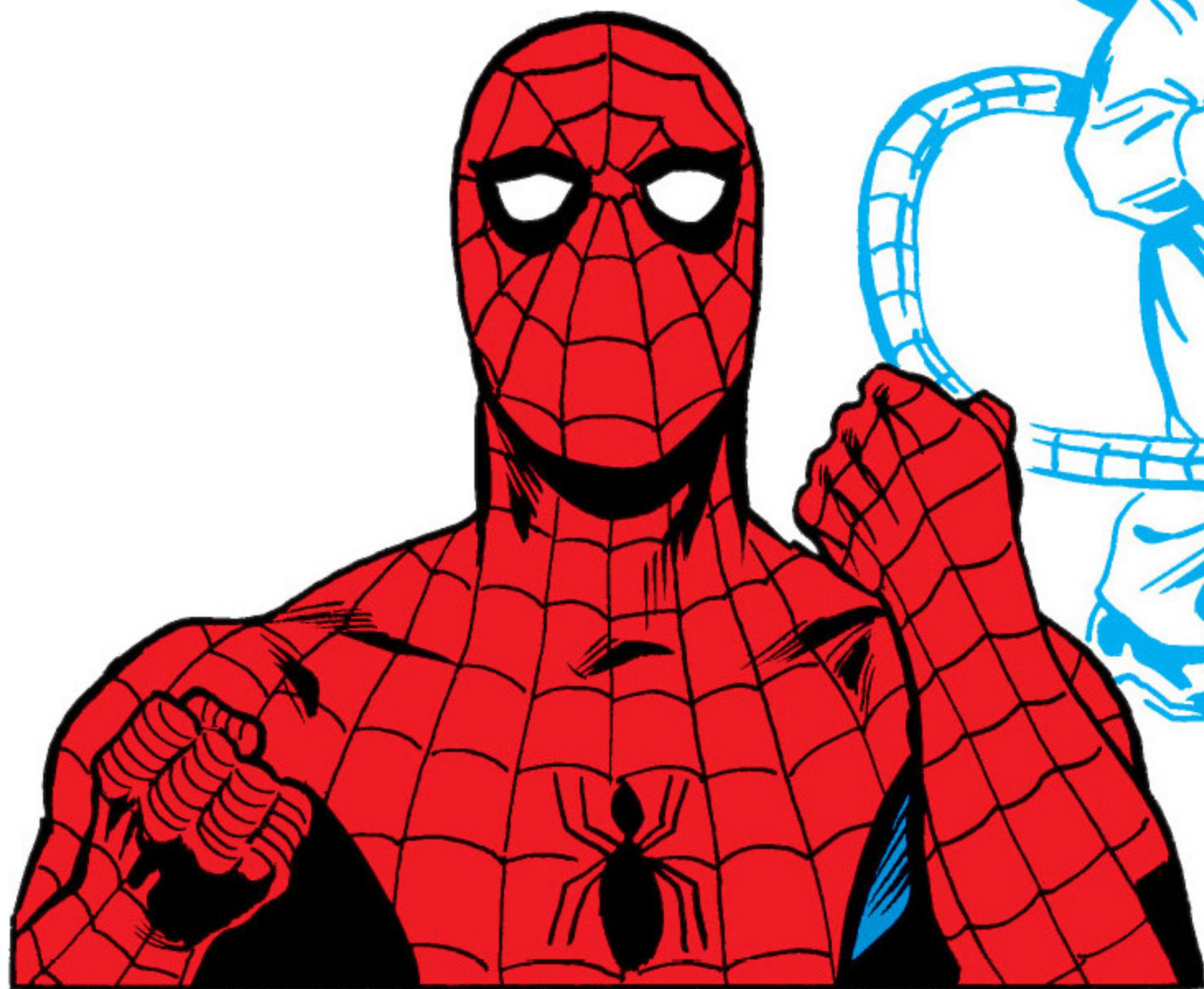
NOW EVERYBODY THINKS THE *HOBGOBLIN*'S DEAD. EVERYBODY BUT ME.

*SEE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #245--T&D.

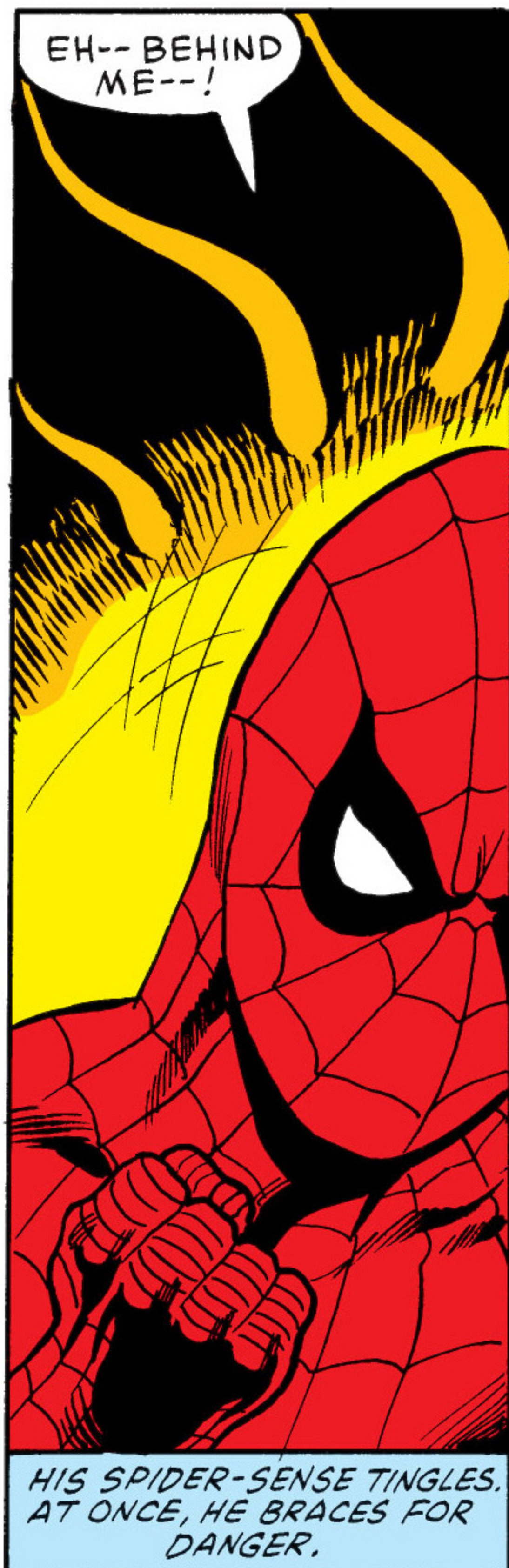




OH, NO!
HOW COULD
I HAVE LEFT
HER?!

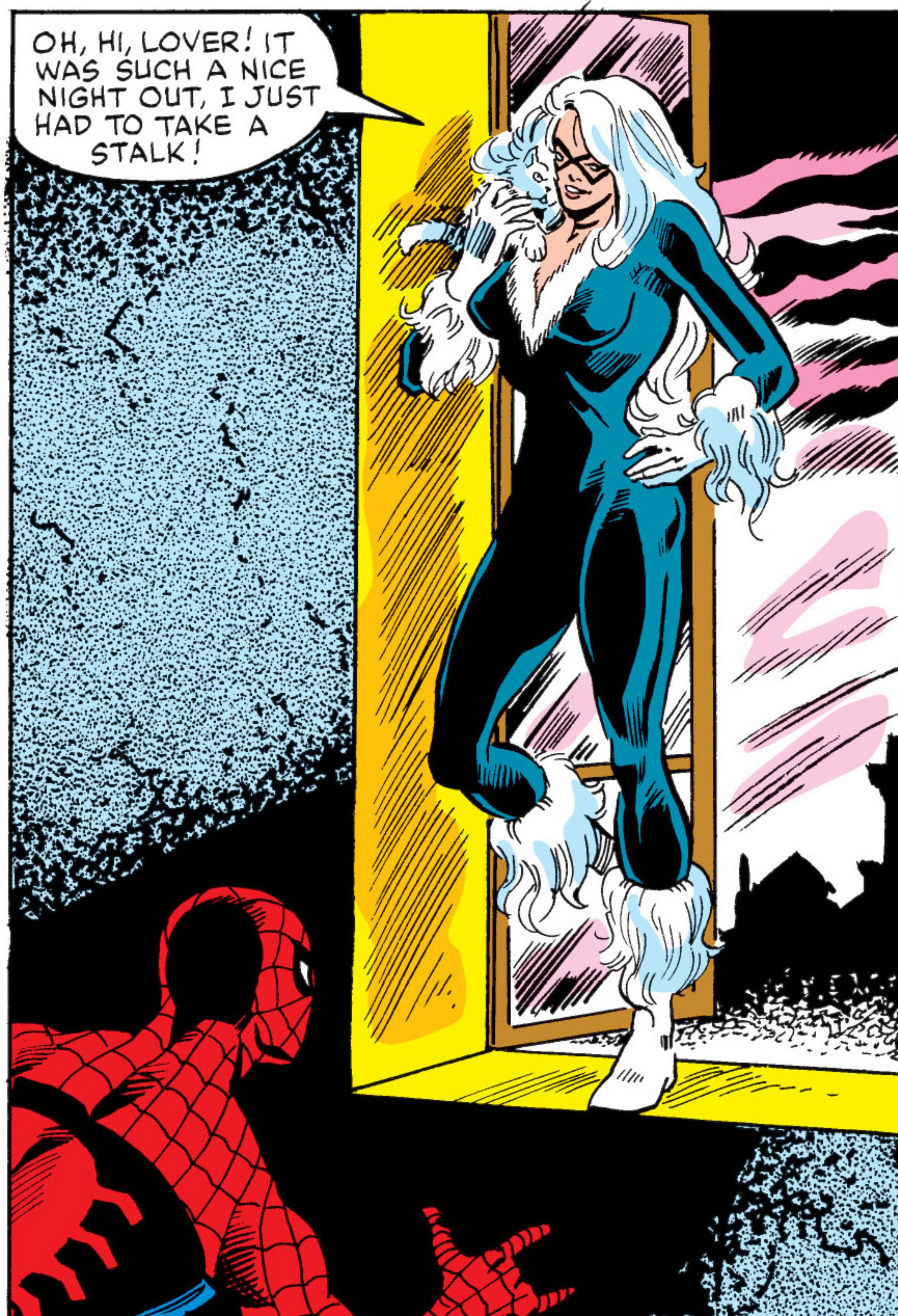


IF SOMEONE'S
TAKEN HER, HURT
HER... I'LL HAVE
FAILED FELICIA...
JUST AS I ONCE
FAILED UNCLE
BEN AND --



EH-- BEHIND
ME--!

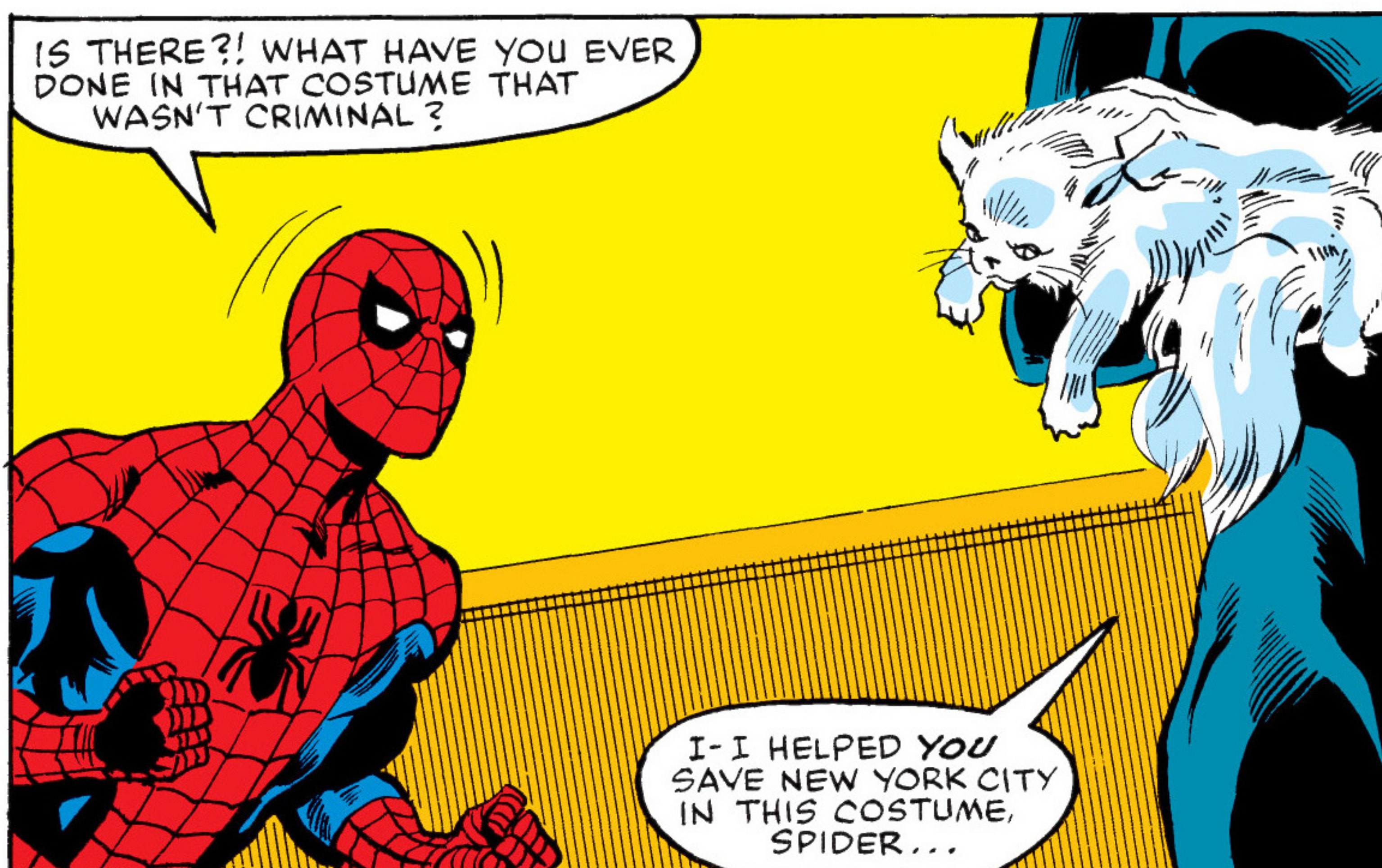
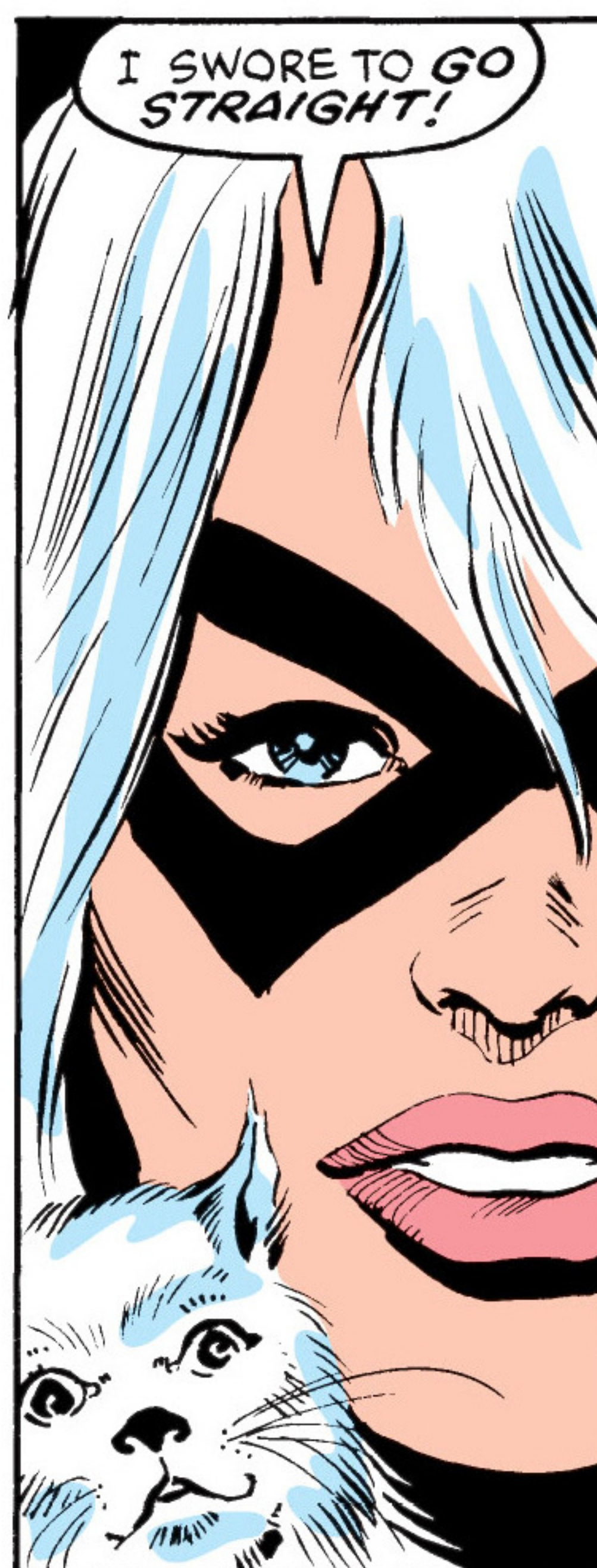
HIS SPIDER-SENSE TINGLES.
AT ONCE, HE BRACES FOR
DANGER.

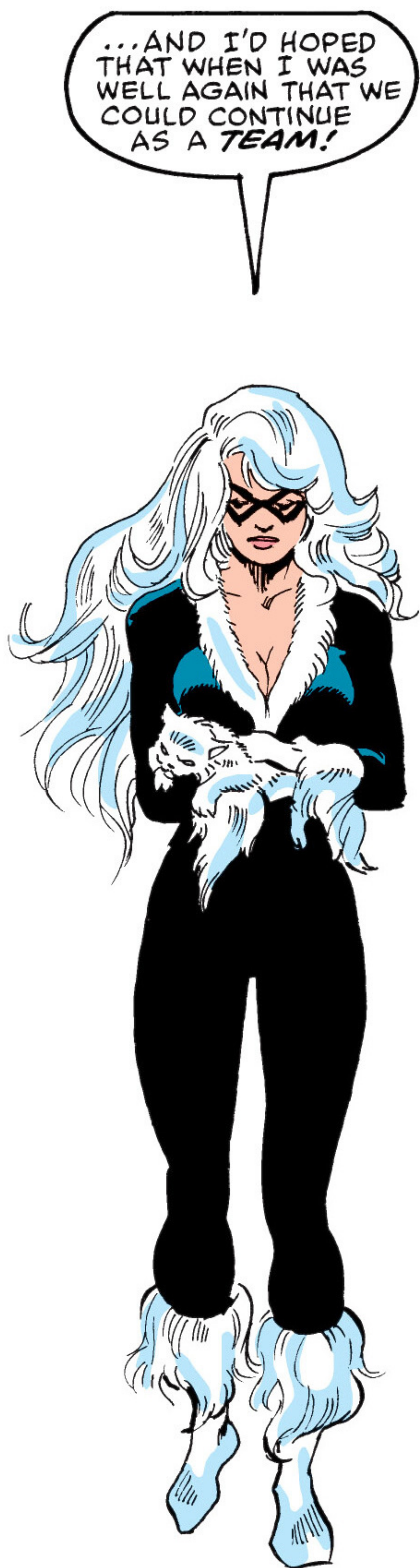


OH, HI, LOVER! IT
WAS SUCH A NICE
NIGHT OUT, I JUST
HAD TO TAKE A
STALK!

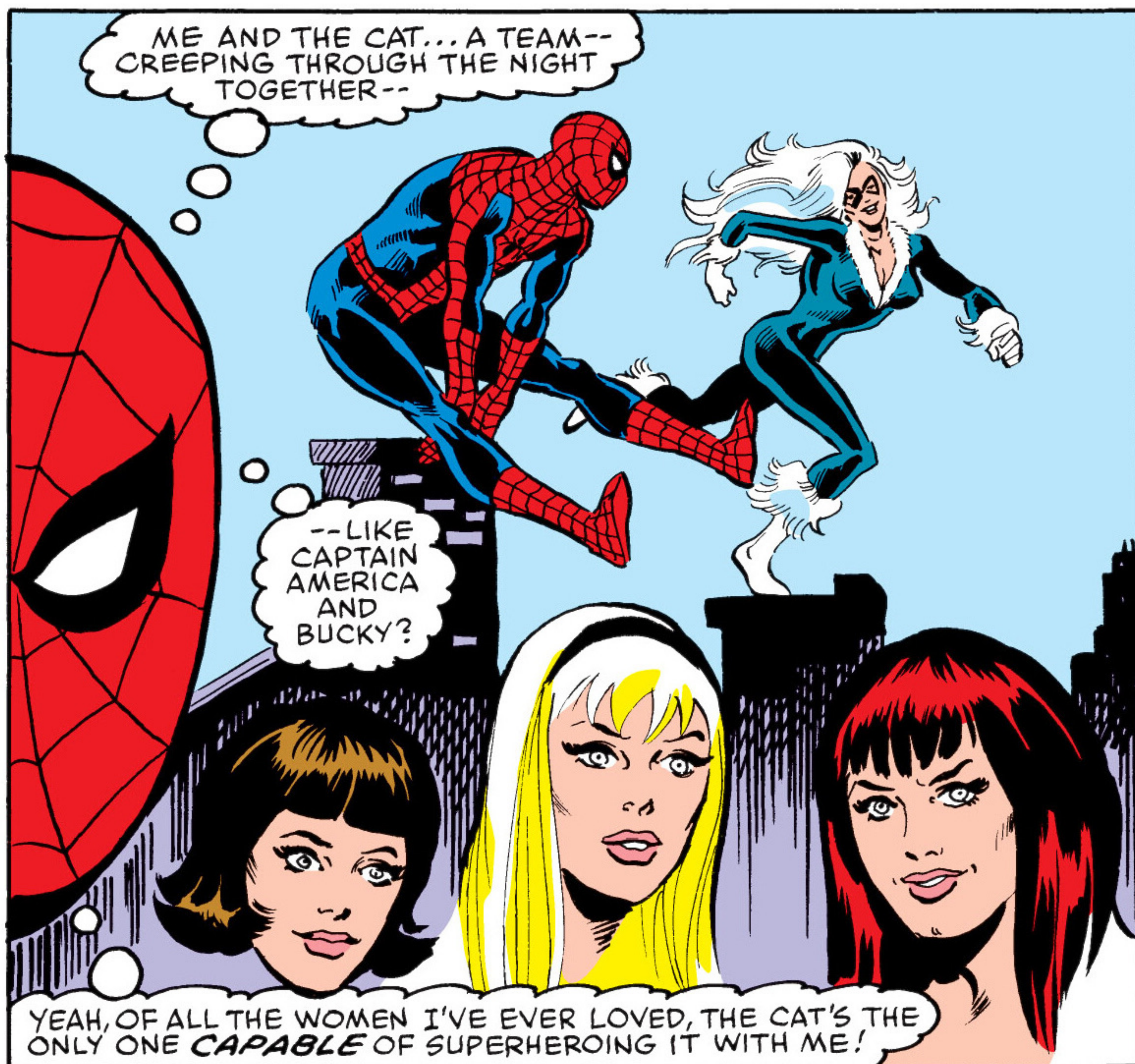


HE IS BE-
GINNING TO
REALIZE
THAT THEIR
RELATIONSHIP
WILL BE...
DIFFICULT.





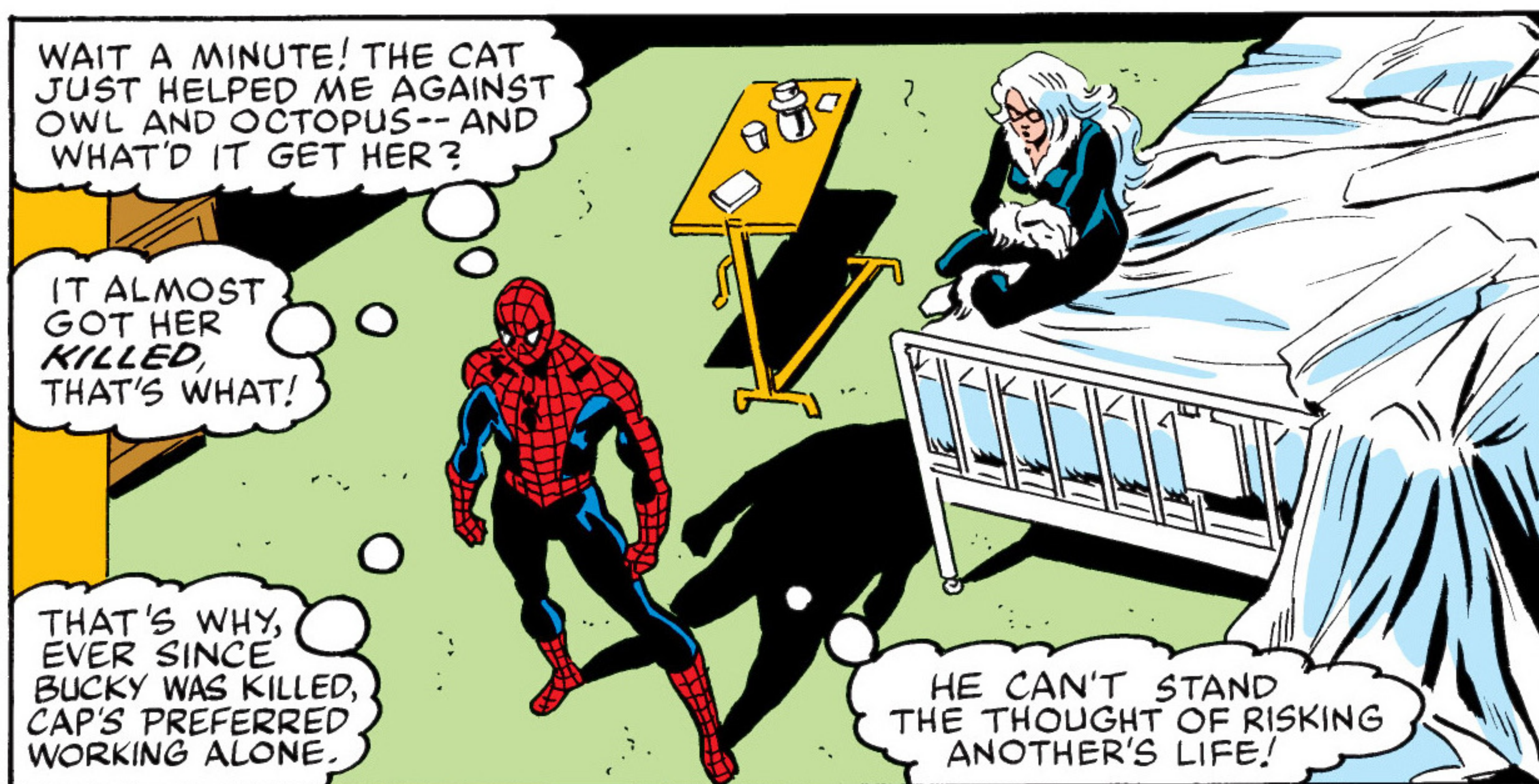
...AND I'D HOPED THAT WHEN I WAS WELL AGAIN THAT WE COULD CONTINUE AS A **TEAM**!



ME AND THE CAT... A TEAM-- CREEPING THROUGH THE NIGHT TOGETHER--

--LIKE CAPTAIN AMERICA AND BUCKY?

YEAH, OF ALL THE WOMEN I'VE EVER LOVED, THE CAT'S THE ONLY ONE **CAPABLE** OF SUPERHEROING IT WITH ME!

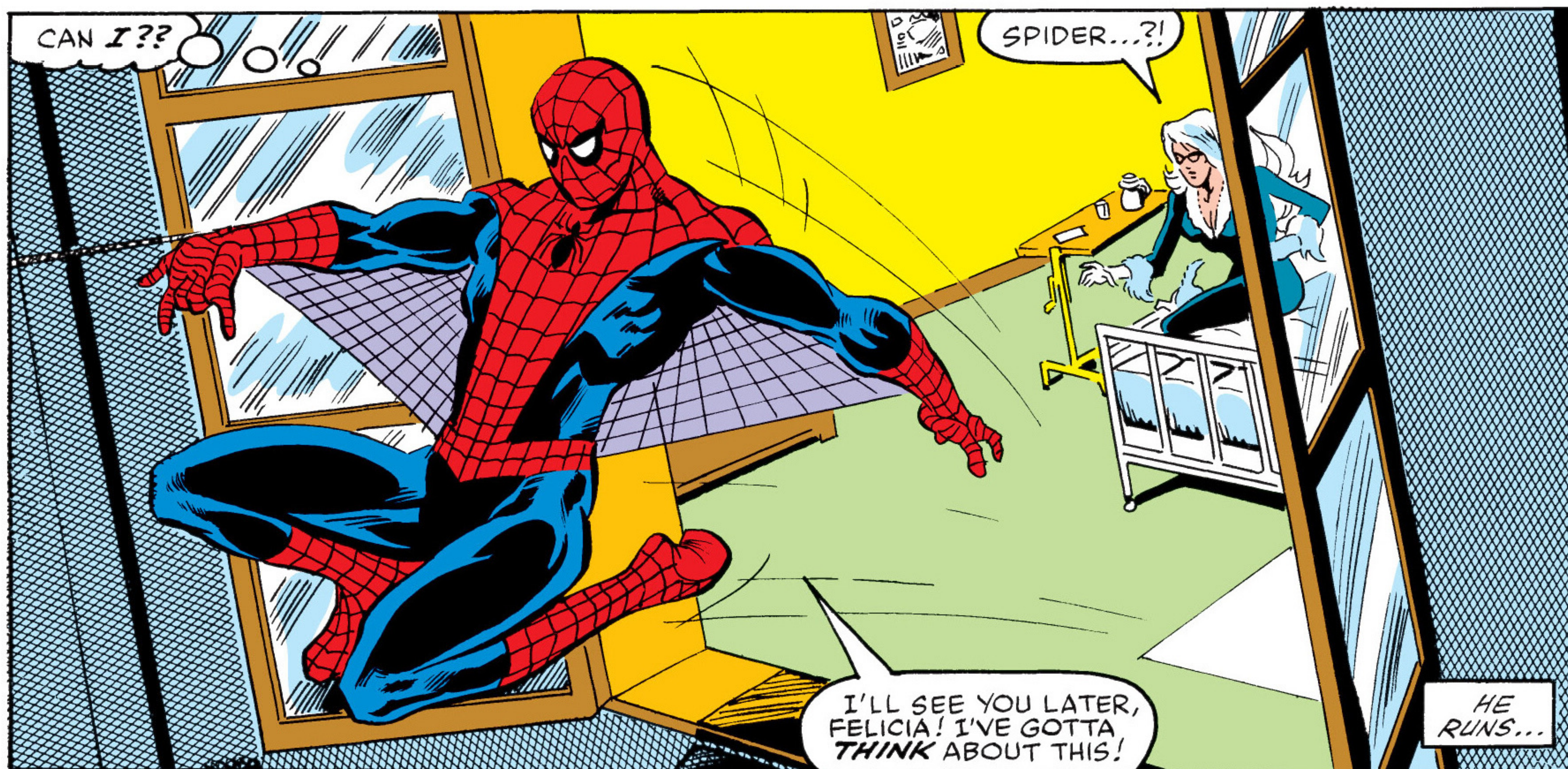


WAIT A MINUTE! THE CAT JUST HELPED ME AGAINST OWL AND OCTOPUS-- AND WHAT'D IT GET HER?

IT ALMOST GOT HER **KILLED**, THAT'S WHAT!

THAT'S WHY, EVER SINCE BUCKY WAS KILLED, CAP'S PREFERRED WORKING ALONE.

HE CAN'T STAND THE THOUGHT OF RISKING ANOTHER'S LIFE!

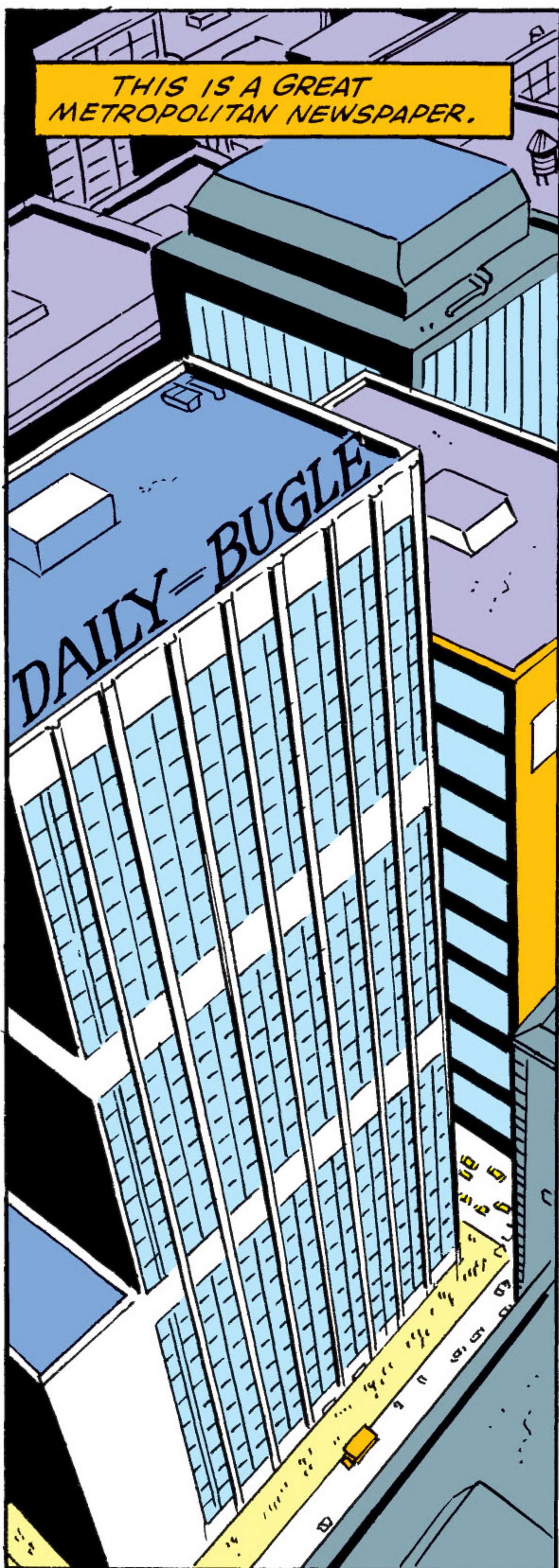
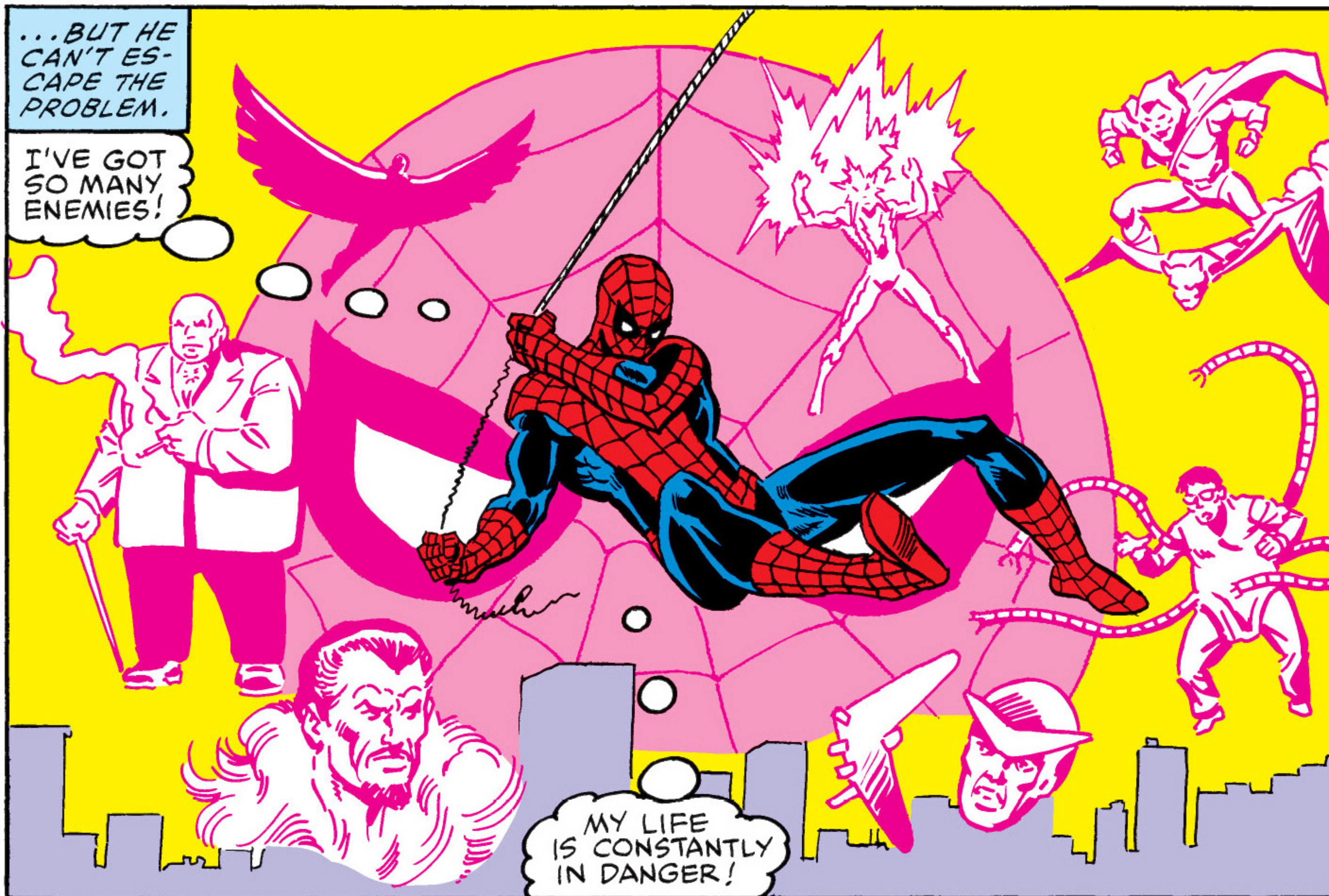


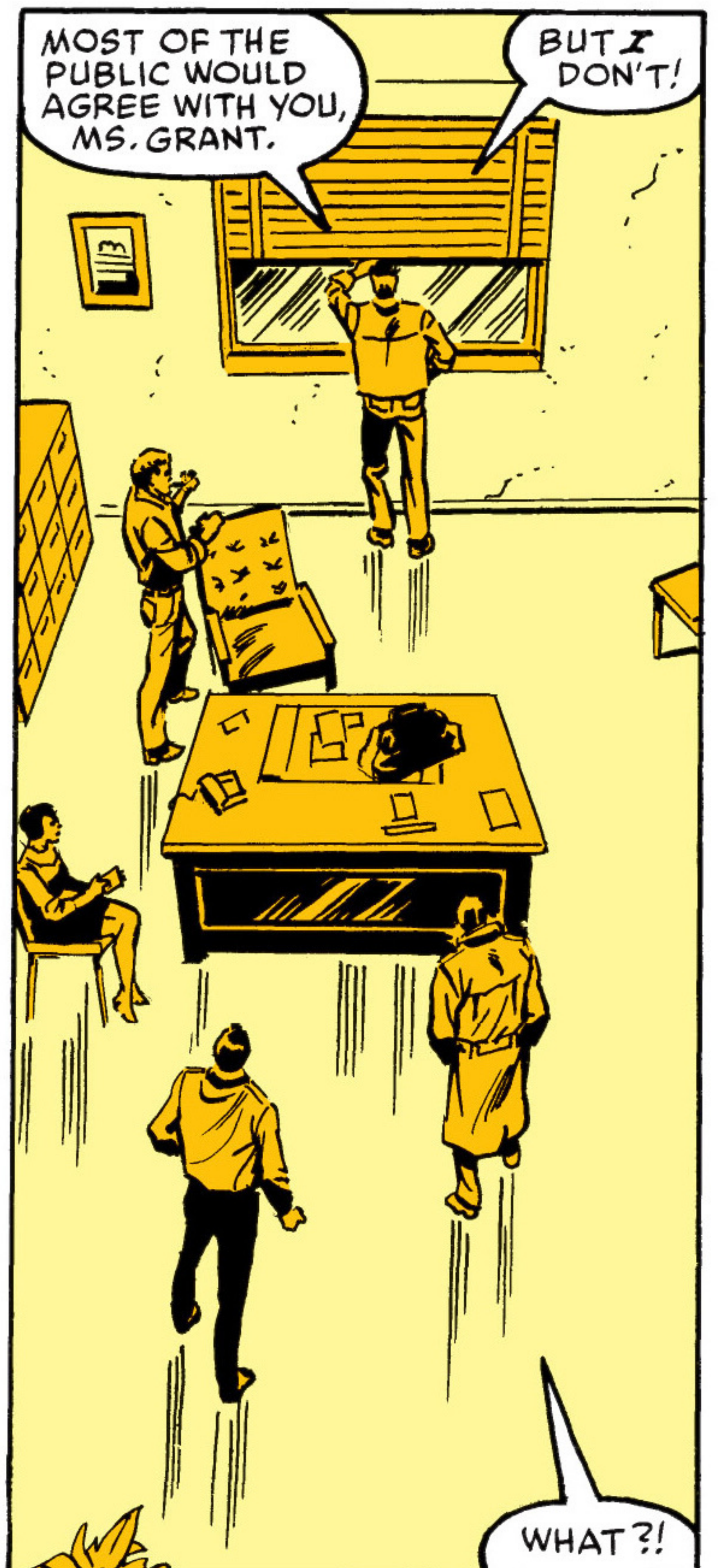
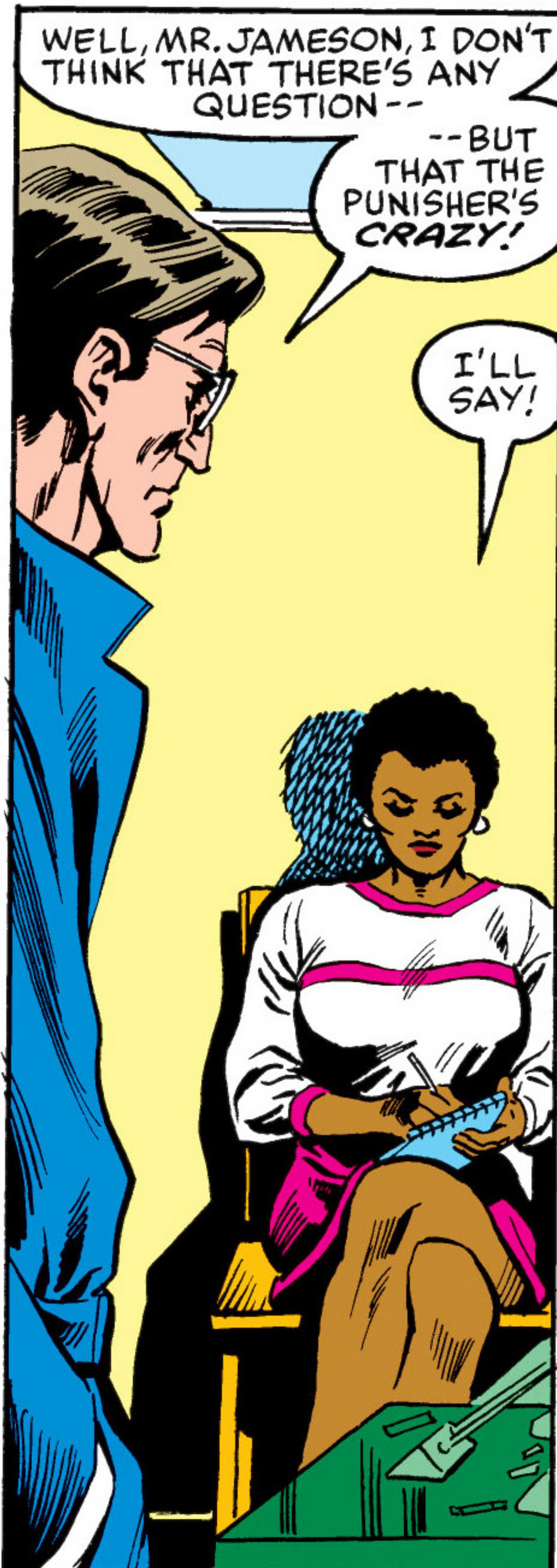
CAN I??

SPIDER...?!

I'LL SEE YOU LATER, FELICIA! I'VE GOTTA **THINK** ABOUT THIS!

HE RUNS...





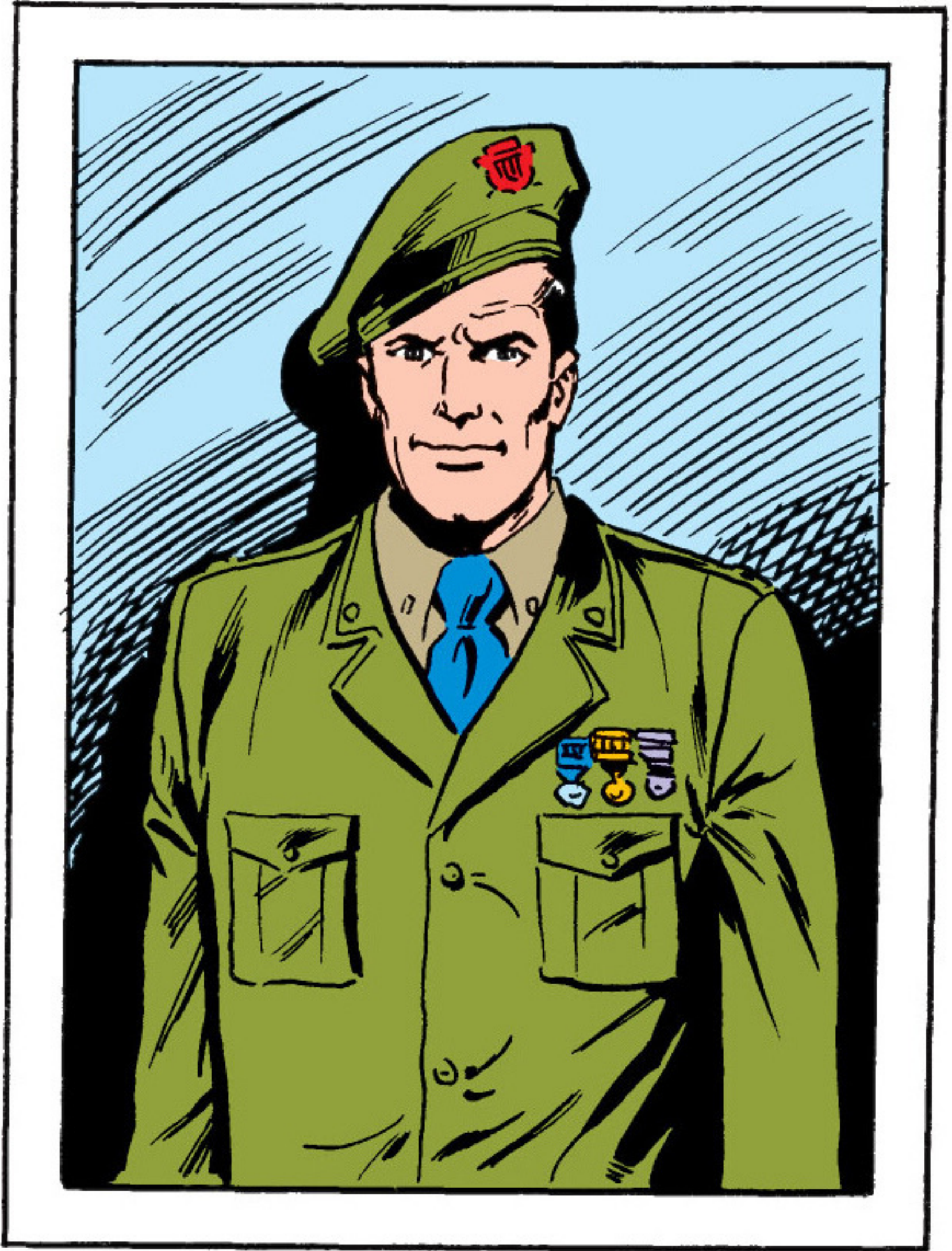
THE PUNISHER WAS A **SOLDIER** IN VIET NAM--



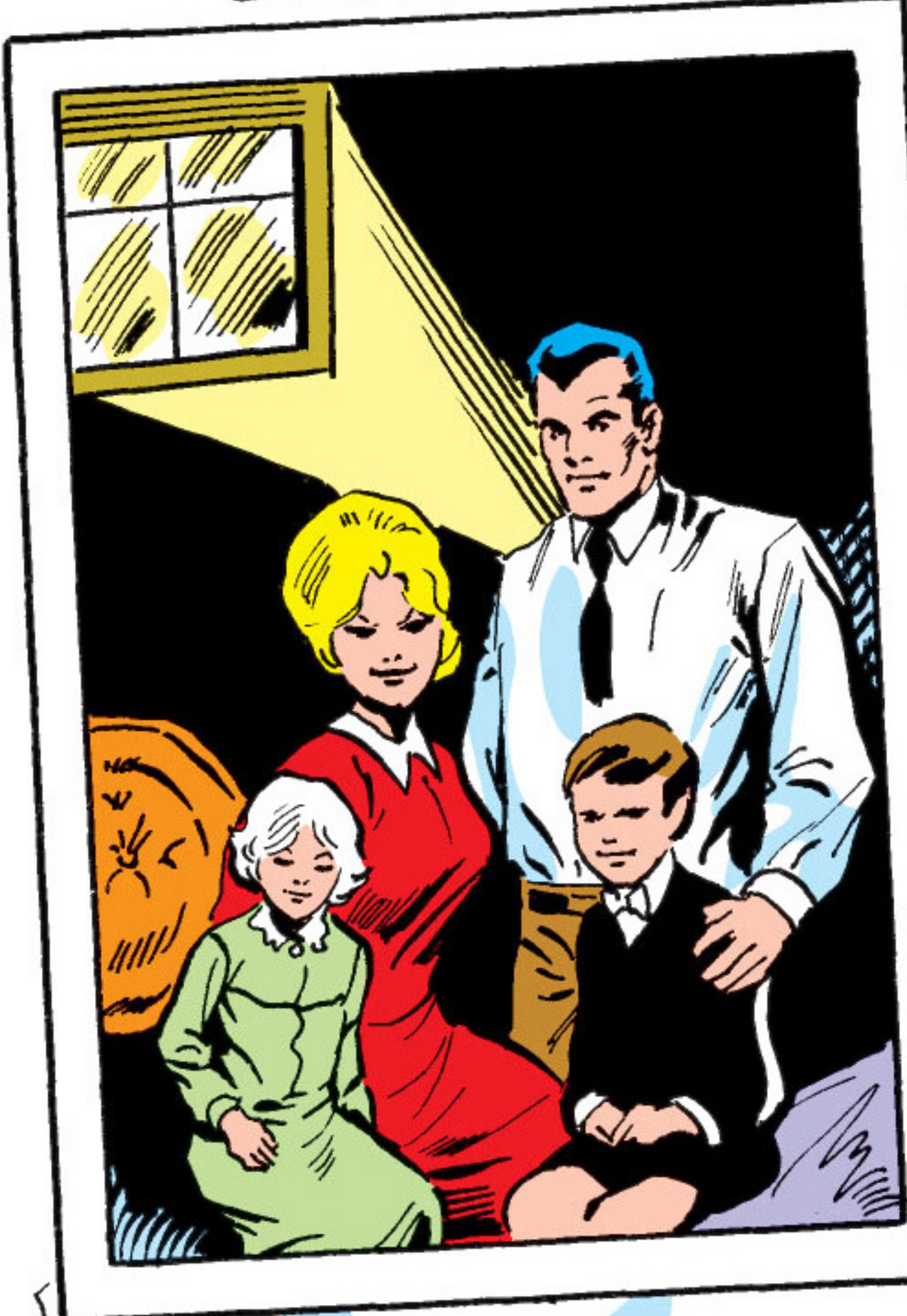
-- TWICE PROMOTED IN THE FIELD IN RECOGNITION OF HIS EXTRAORDINARY COMBAT ABILITY,

HE WAS DECORATED WITH THE **MEDAL OF HONOR**, THE **BRONZE STAR**, AND-- FOUR TIMES-- THE **PURPLE HEART**.

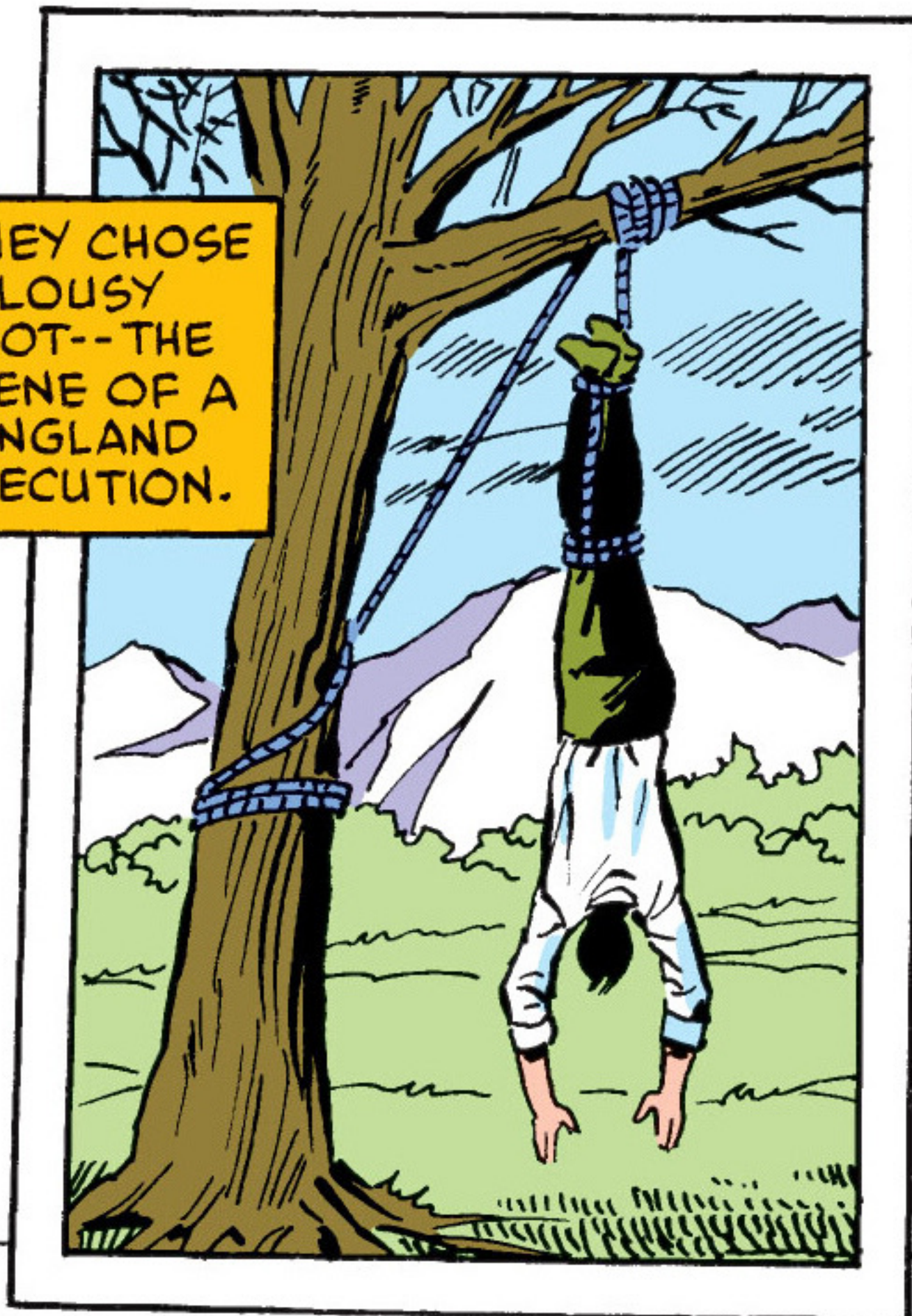
HE WAS ABOUT TO BE AWARDED THE **PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM** ... WHEN HE **DESERTED!**



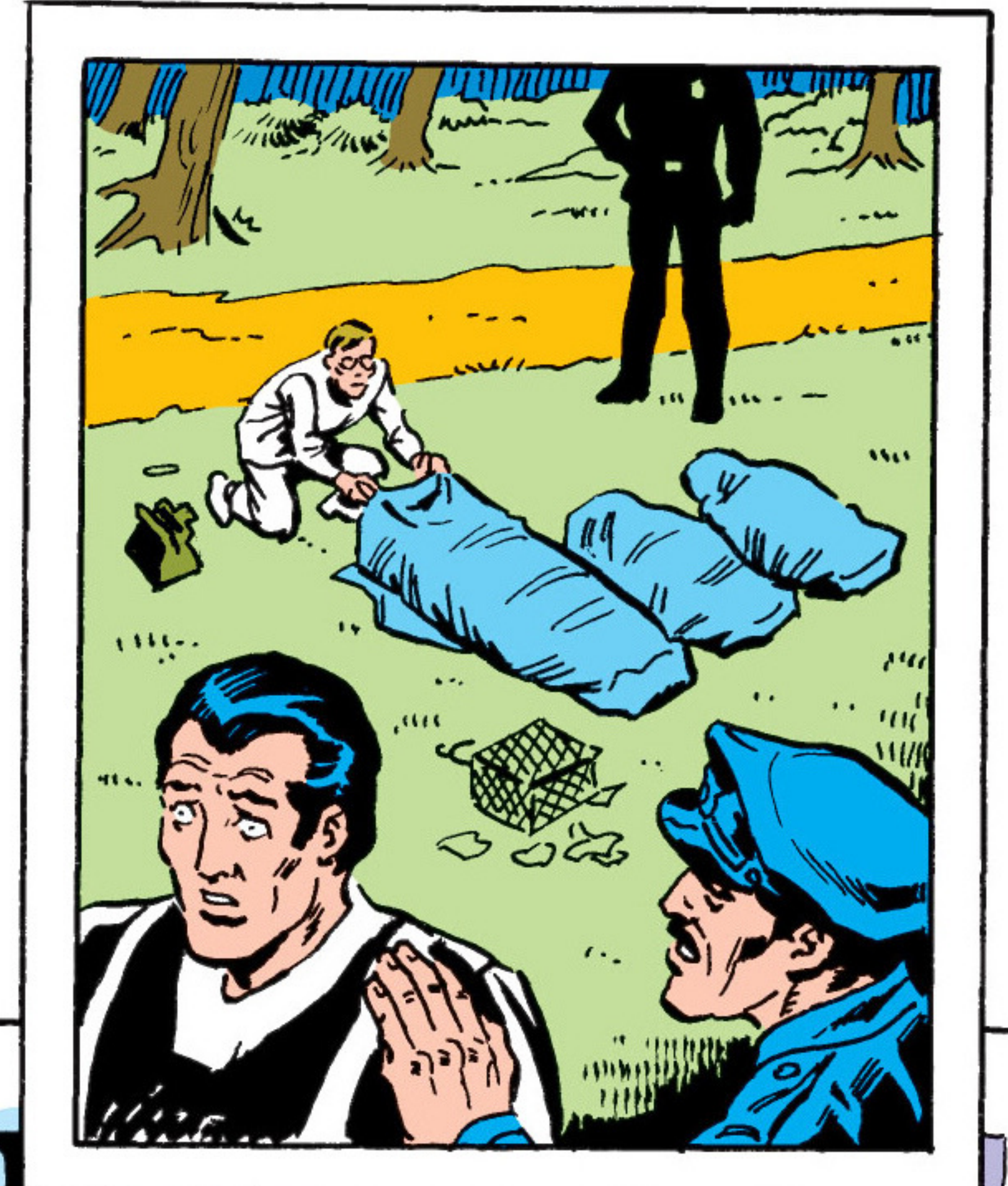
"HE WAS ON LEAVE, VISITING HIS FAMILY. THEY DECIDED TO GO ON A PICNIC.



"THEY CHOSE A LOUSY SPOT-- THE SCENE OF A **GANGLAND EXECUTION**.



"BEING WITNESSES TO THE MURDER, THEY WERE GUNNED DOWN MERCILESSLY.



DAILY BUGLE

MOTHER AND CHILDREN KILLED BY MOBSTERS STUMBLED ON GANGLAND EXECUTION

"ONLY THE PUNISHER SURVIVED. THOSE WHO KNEW HIM ...

"... SAY THE LOSS OF HIS FAMILY DROVE HIM **MAO**.

"New York -- a peaceful family picnic ended in a bloodbath today as a mother and her two children were gunned down for having witnessed a brutal gangland execution.



THE BEREAVED FATHER



"I SUPPOSE SOMETHING LIKE THAT CAN DRIVE A MAN MAD."

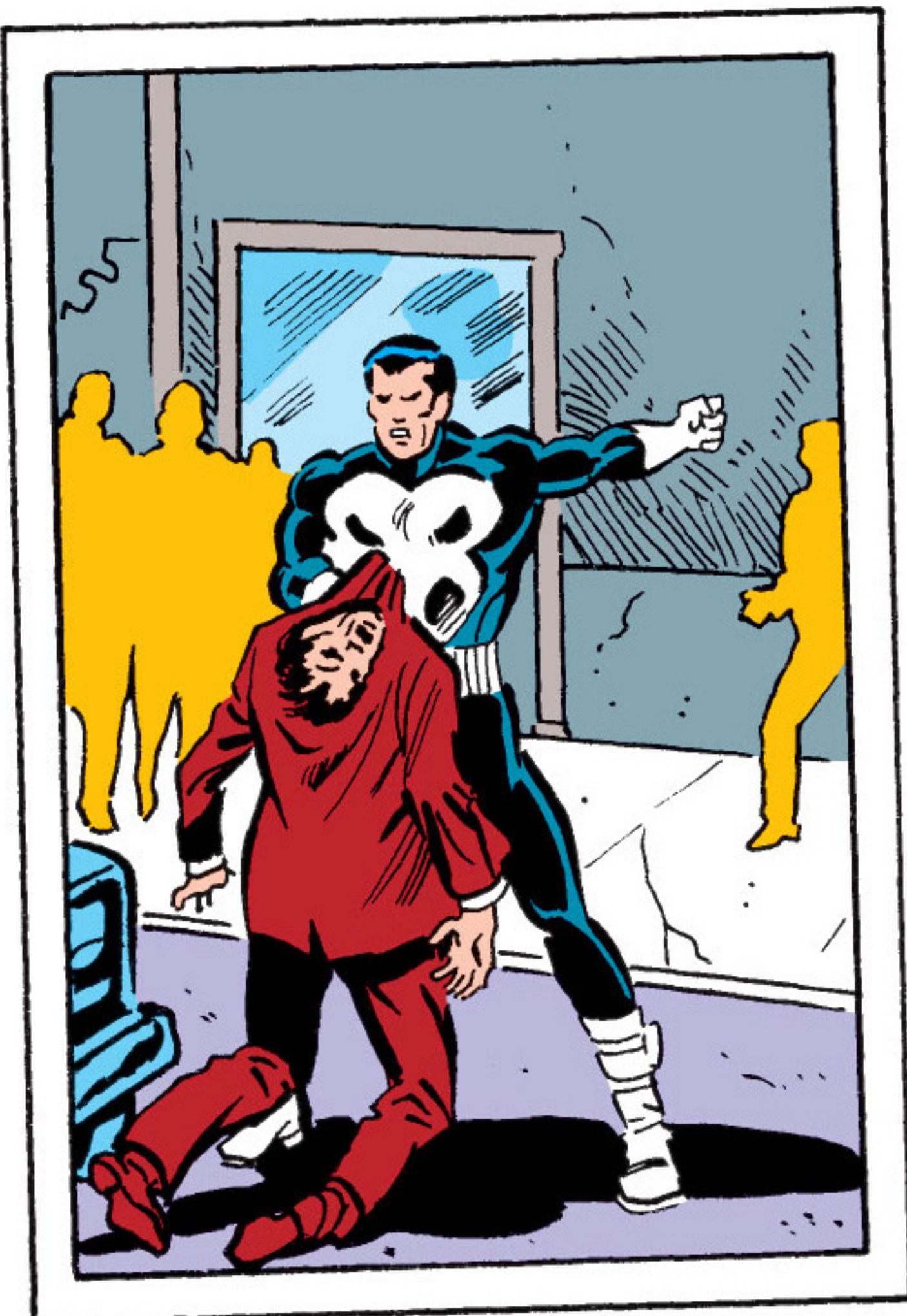
"THE PUNISHER BECAME A COSTUMED VIGILANTE."

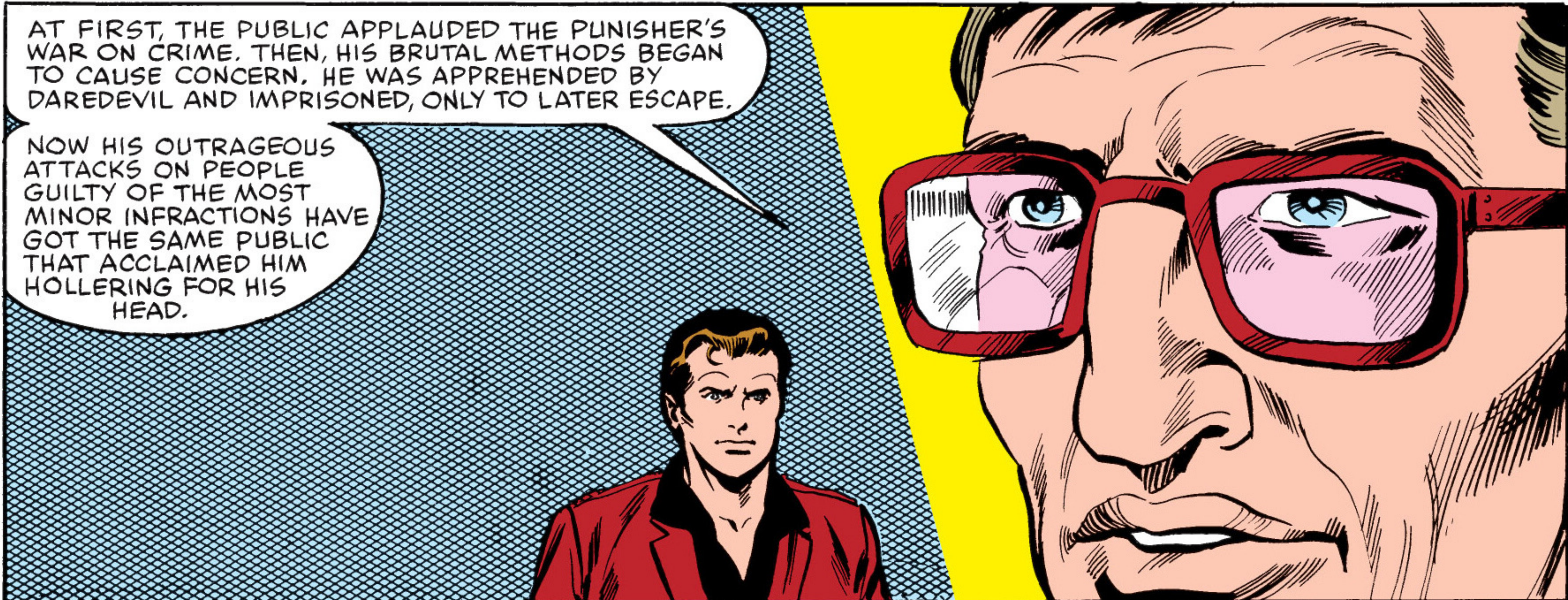
"ARMED TO THE TEETH, HE WAGED A ONE-MAN WAR ON CRIME."



"TROUBLE WAS, IT WAS SOMETIMES HARD TO DISTINGUISH THE PUNISHER'S BRAND OF JUSTICE FROM THE CRIMINAL ACTS OF THOSE WHOM HE HUNTED."

"THAT'S WHAT PUT HIM AT ODDS WITH HEROES LIKE *SPIDER-MAN* AND *DAREDEVIL*."





AT FIRST, THE PUBLIC APPLAUDED THE PUNISHER'S WAR ON CRIME. THEN, HIS BRUTAL METHODS BEGAN TO CAUSE CONCERN. HE WAS APPREHENDED BY DAREDEVIL AND IMPRISONED, ONLY TO LATER ESCAPE.

NOW HIS OUTRAGEOUS ATTACKS ON PEOPLE GUILTY OF THE MOST MINOR INFRACTIONS HAVE GOT THE SAME PUBLIC THAT ACCLAIMED HIM HOLLERING FOR HIS HEAD.



GOOD REPORT, BEN. YOU'VE PINPOINTED *MY* ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE PUNISHER. HE'S A VIGILANTE-- OPERATING OUTSIDE THE LAW.



NOW THIS SELF-APPOINTED GUARDIAN OF JUSTICE HAS TURNED ON SOCIETY.

I ASK YOU TO CONSIDER, GENTLEMEN--



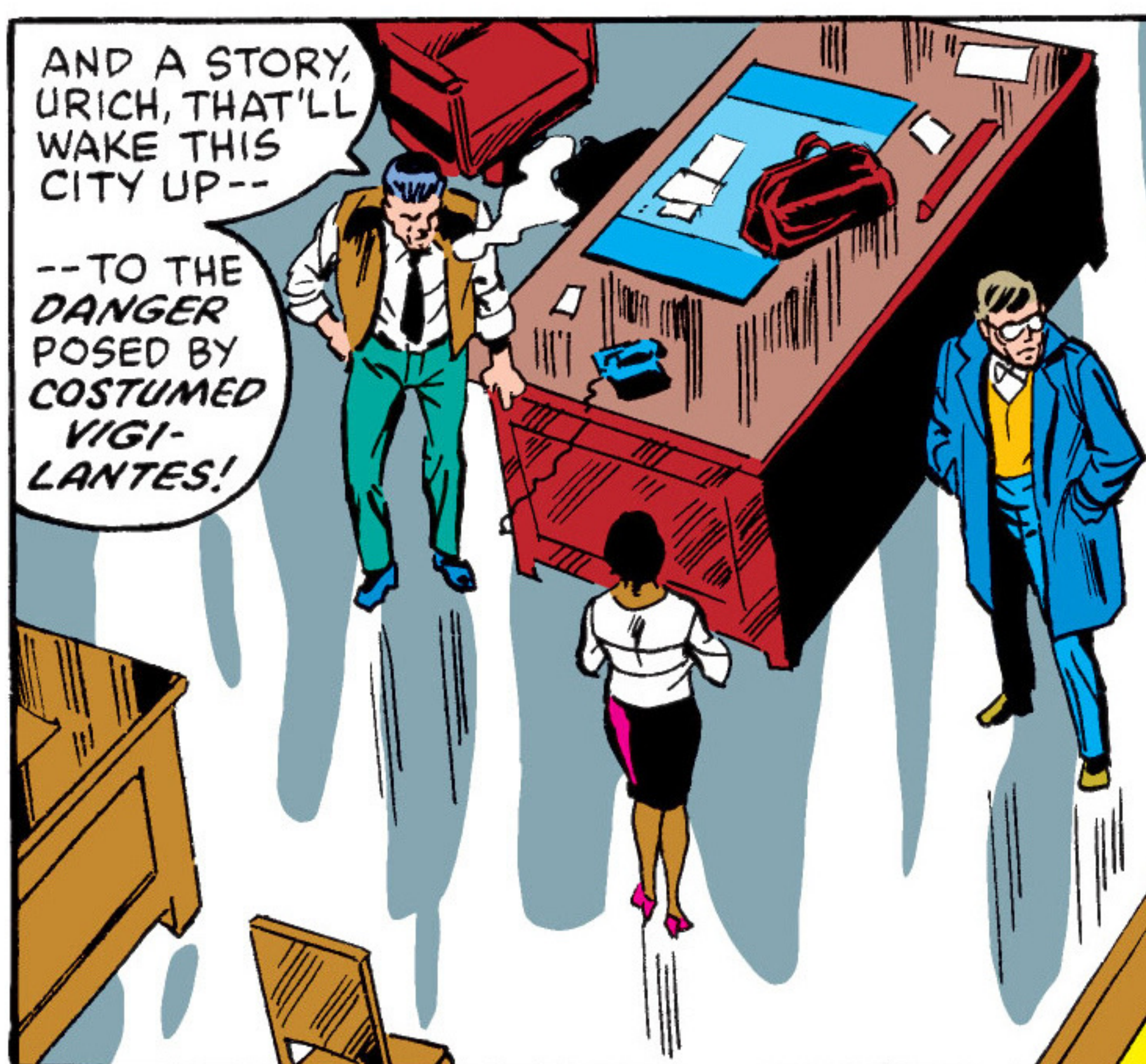
--WHAT IF, ONE DAY, THE SAME THING HAPPENS WITH *SPIDER-MAN*?!



WHAT?! ME...GO BAD? LET LOOSE MY POWERS AGAINST THOSE I'VE SWORN TO PROTECT? NO WAY!

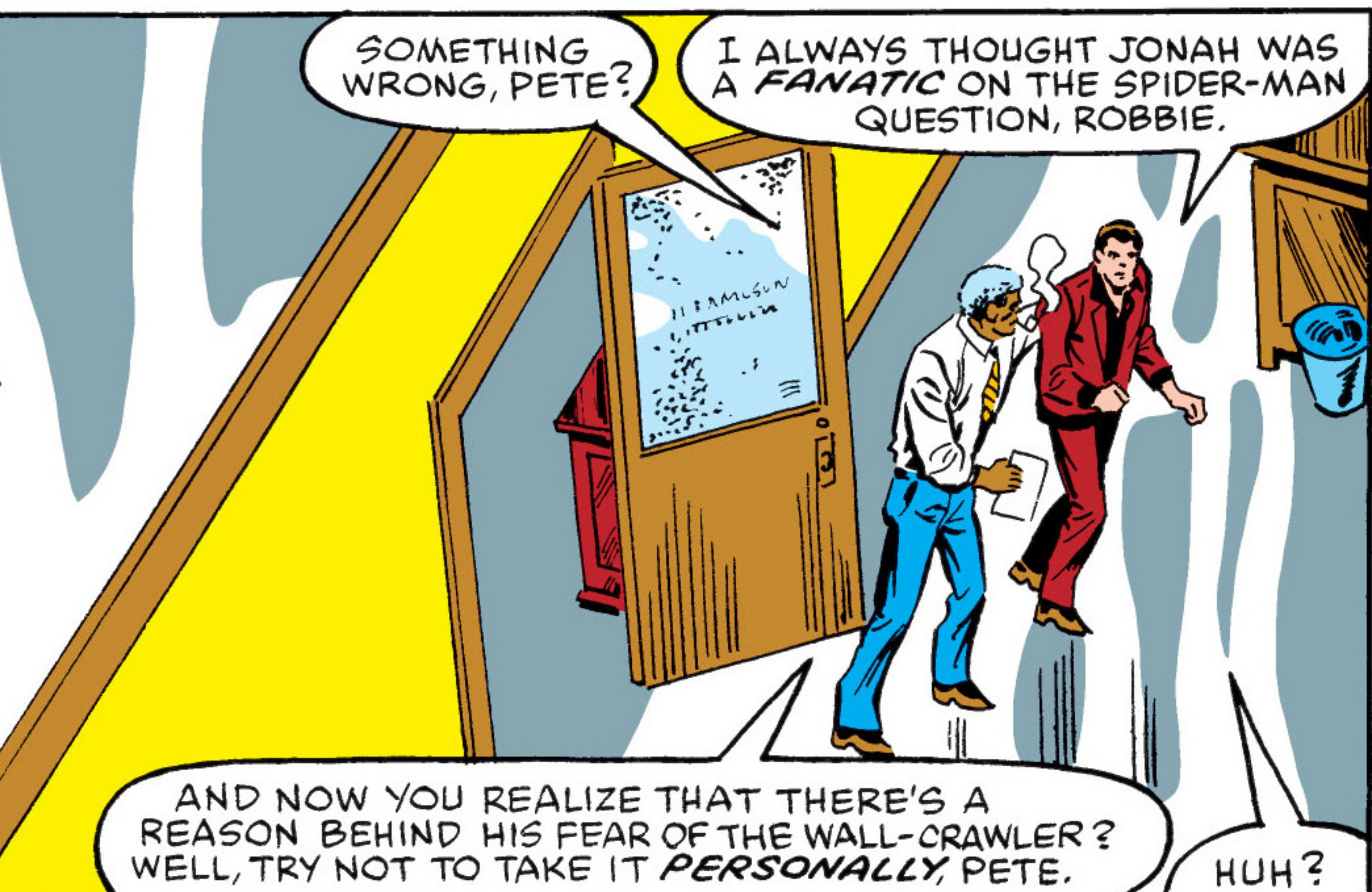
BUT, THEN...THE PUNISHER STARTED OUT ON SOCIETY'S SIDE TOO, DIDN'T HE?

QUIT DAY-DREAMING, PARKER! I WANT PICTURES OF THAT TRIAL!--



AND A STORY, URICH, THAT'LL WAKE THIS CITY UP--

--TO THE DANGER POSED BY COSTUMED VIGILANTES!



SOMETHING WRONG, PETE?

I ALWAYS THOUGHT JONAH WAS A *FANATIC* ON THE SPIDER-MAN QUESTION, ROBBIE.

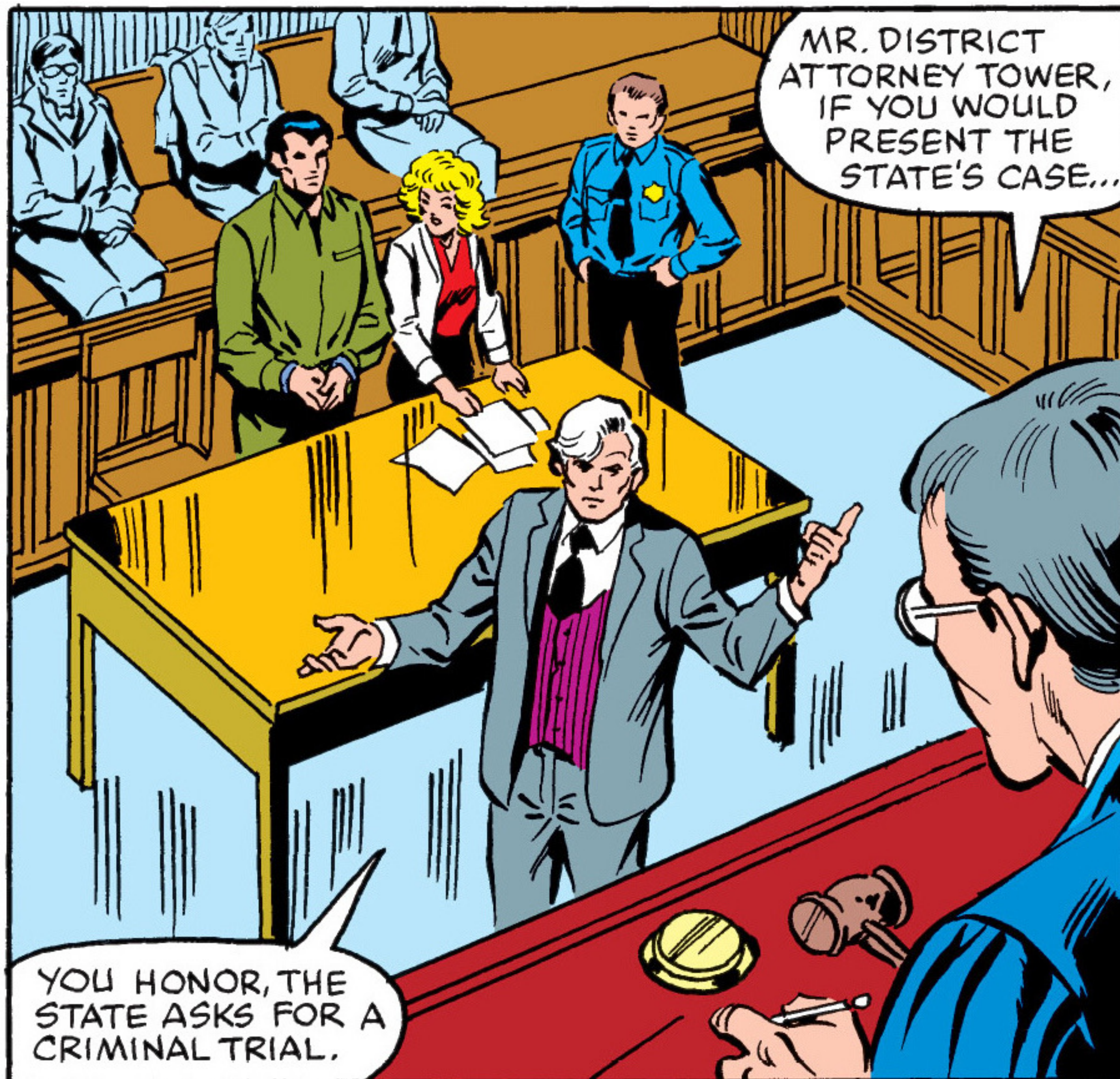
AND NOW YOU REALIZE THAT THERE'S A REASON BEHIND HIS FEAR OF THE WALL-CRAWLER? WELL, TRY NOT TO TAKE IT *PERSONALLY*, PETE.

HUH?



MANHATTAN
CRIMINAL
COURT.

INSIDE, THE PUNISHER'S PRE-ARRAIGNMENT HEARING IS CALLED TO ORDER. IT IS HERE THAT HIS CAPACITY TO RATIONALLY UNDERSTAND THE CRIMINAL NATURE OF HIS RECENT ACTS WILL BE DETERMINED.



MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY TOWER, IF YOU WOULD PRESENT THE STATE'S CASE...

YOU HONOR, THE STATE ASKS FOR A CRIMINAL TRIAL.

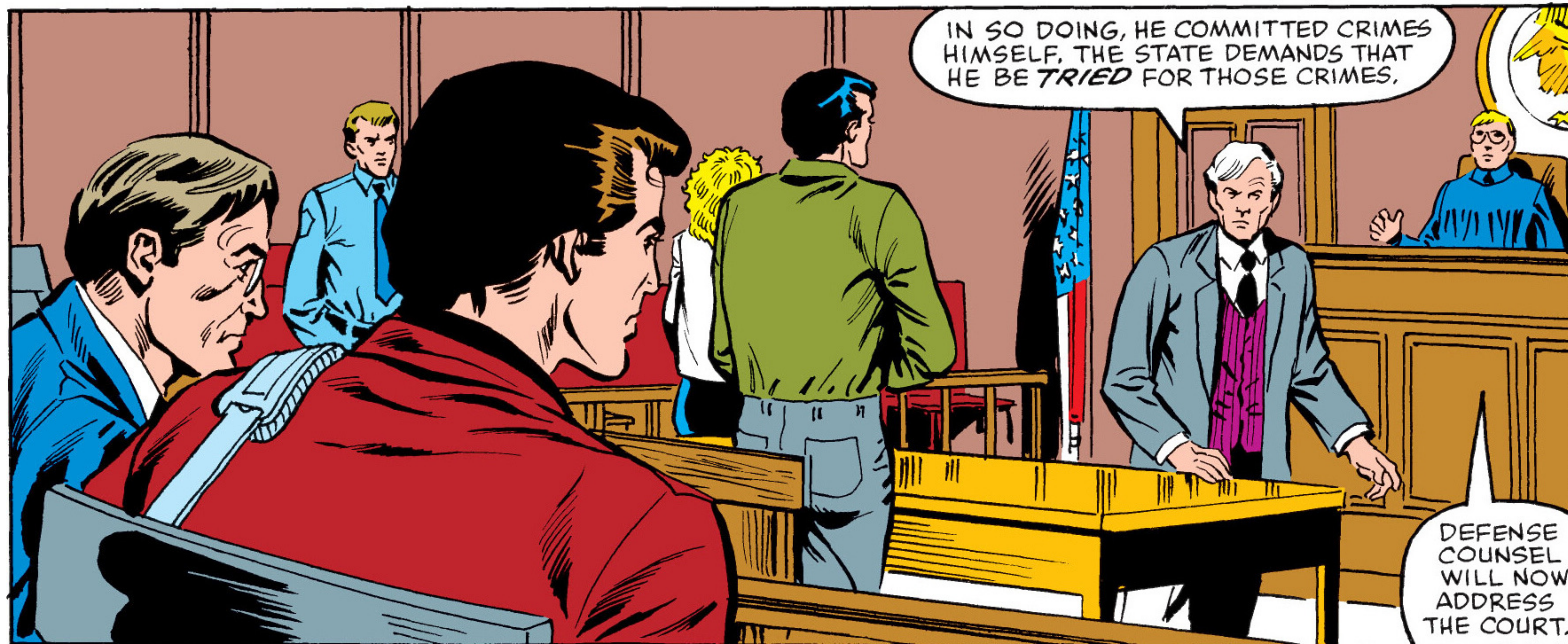


THIS MAN TOOK IT UPON HIMSELF TO INTERPRET AND ENFORCE THE LAW.



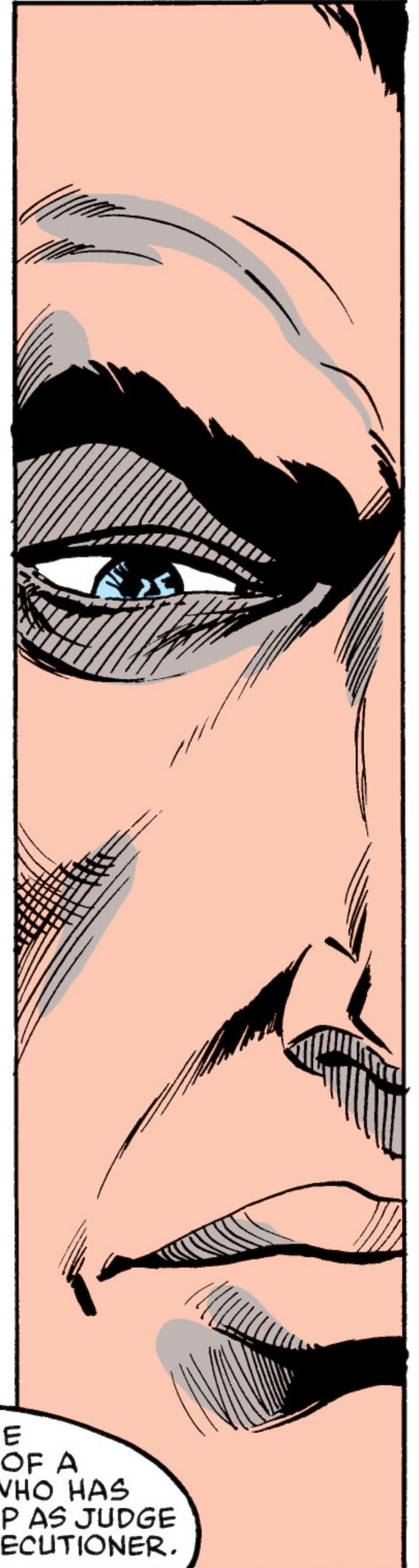
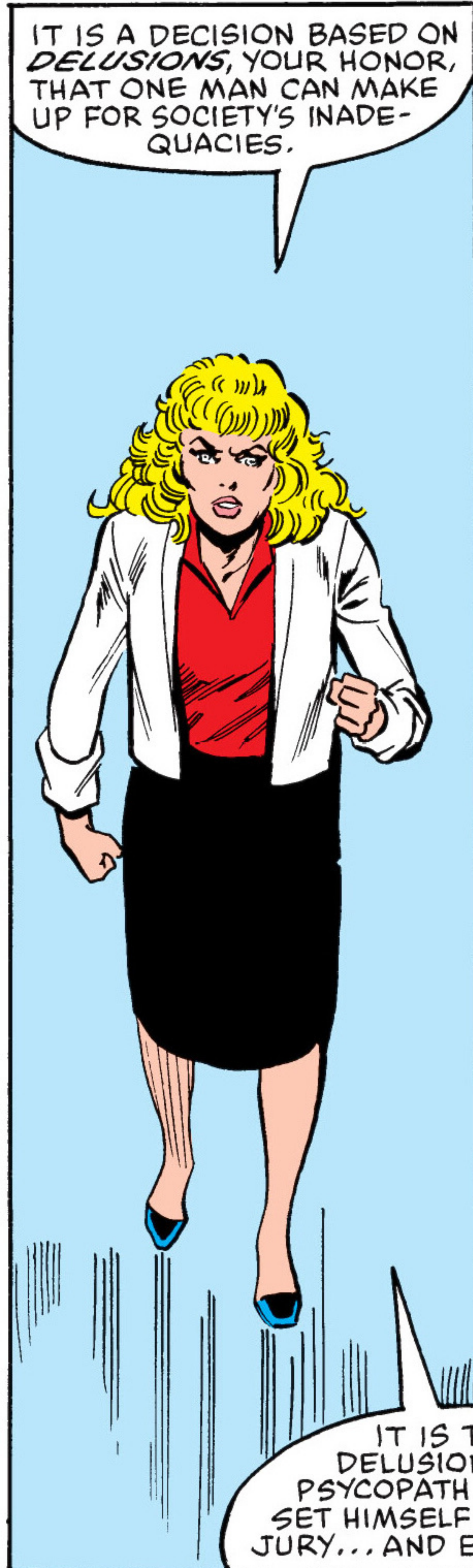
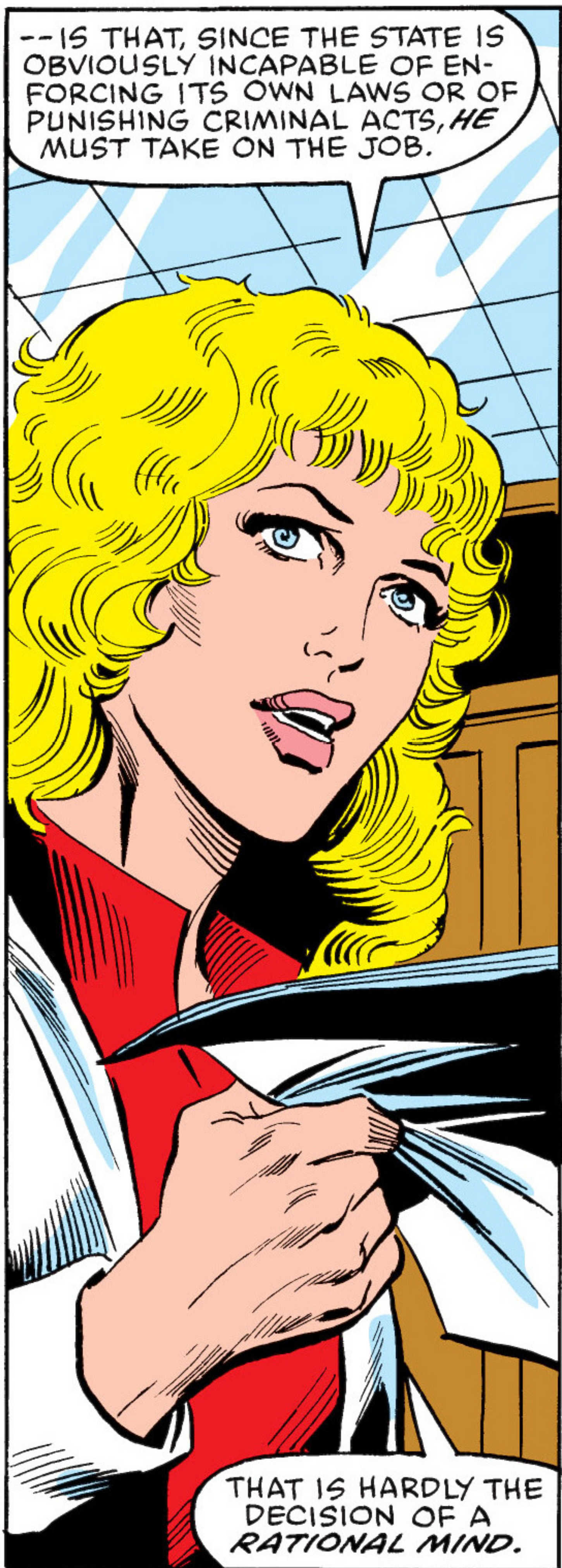
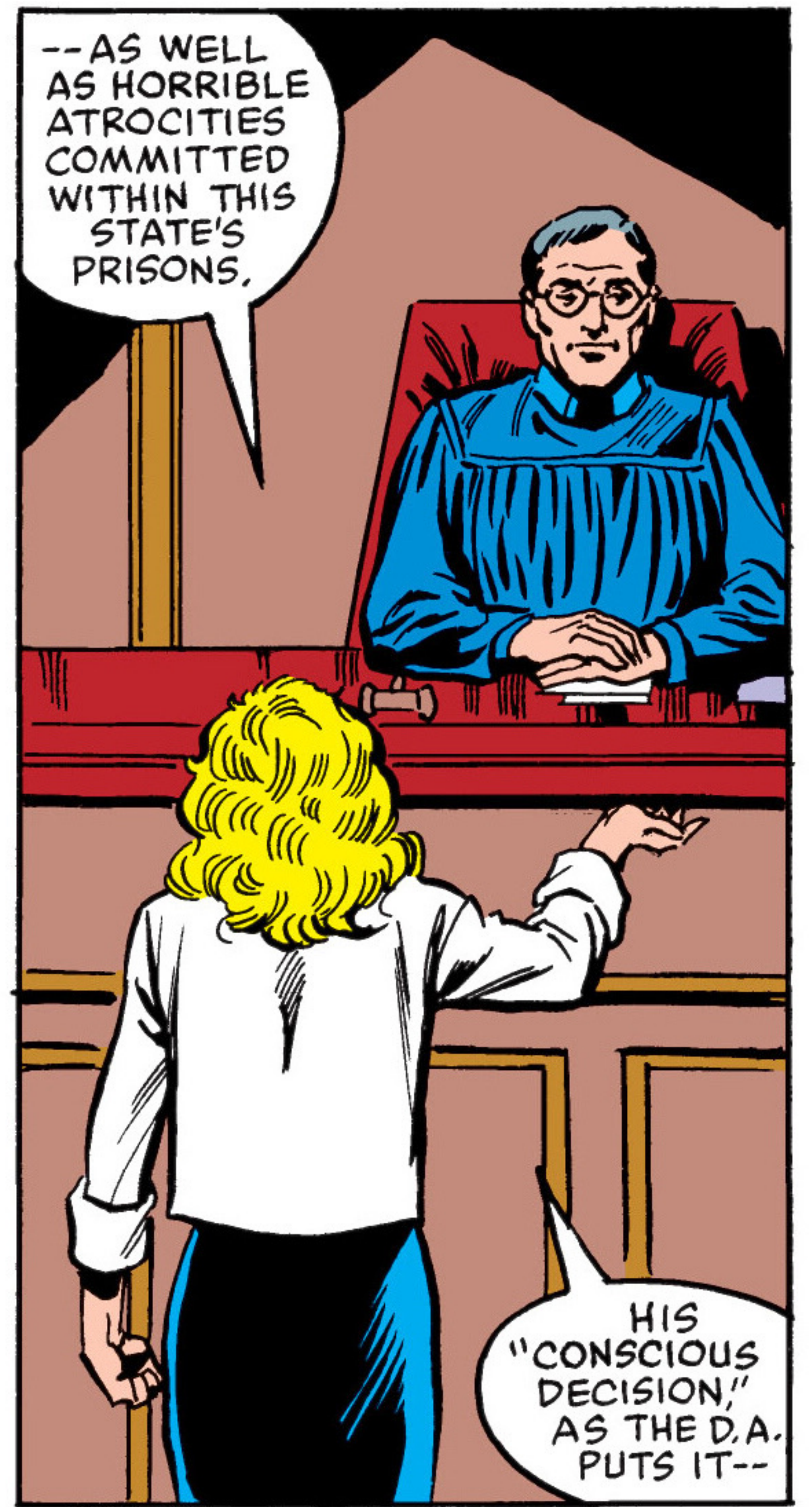
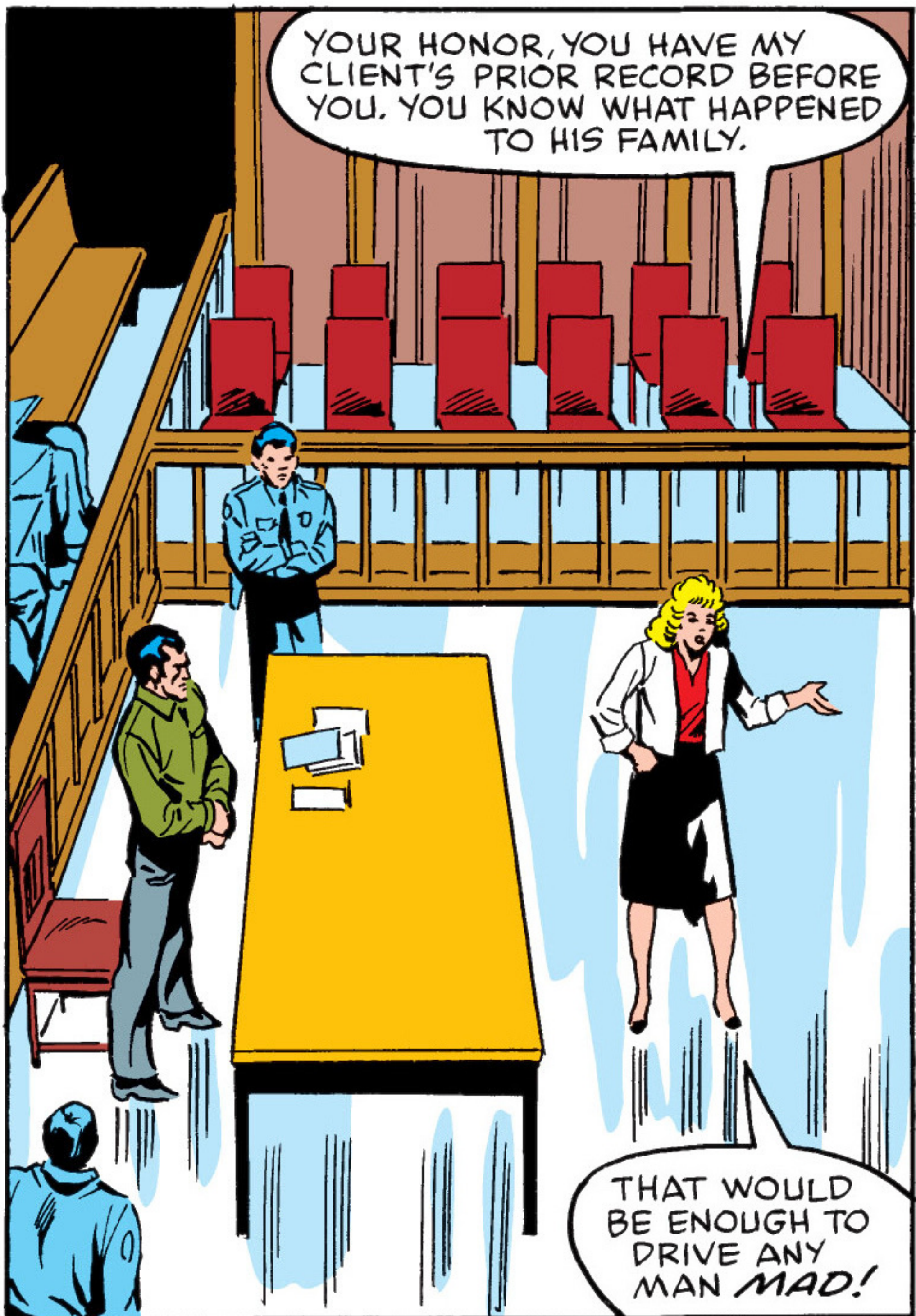
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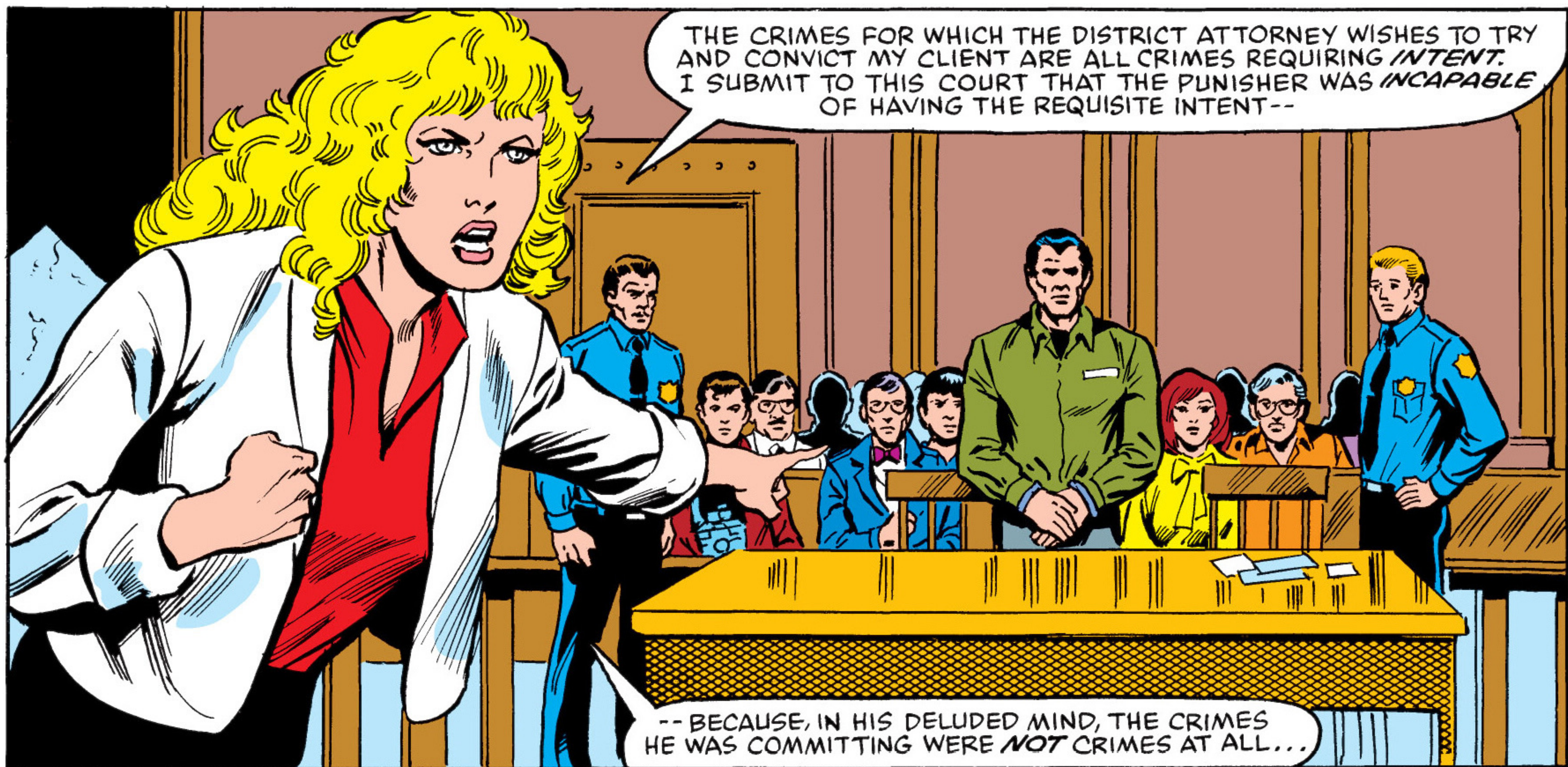
NOT THE ACT OF A MADMAN.

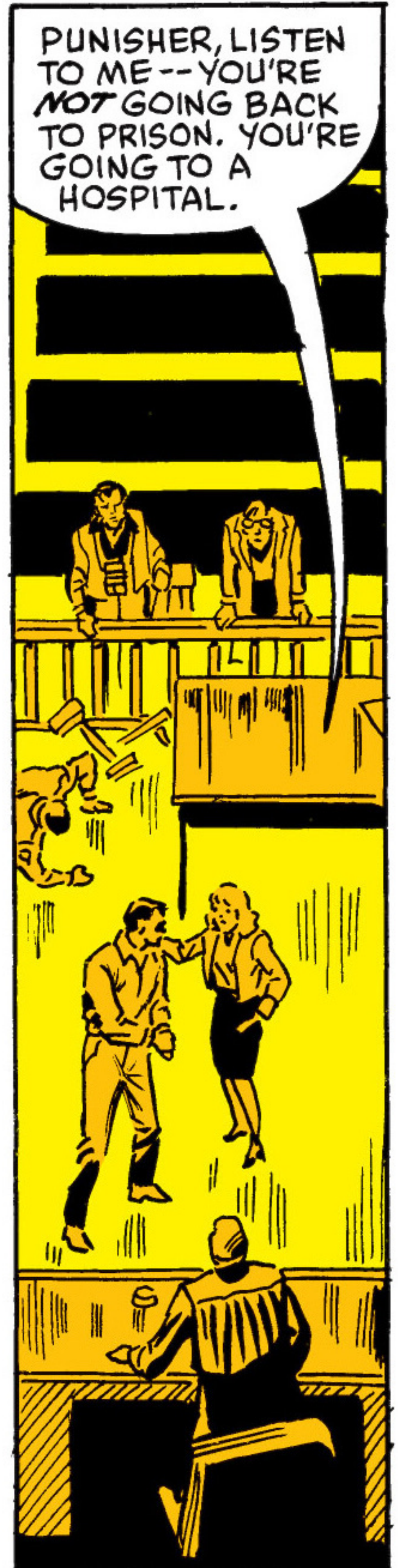
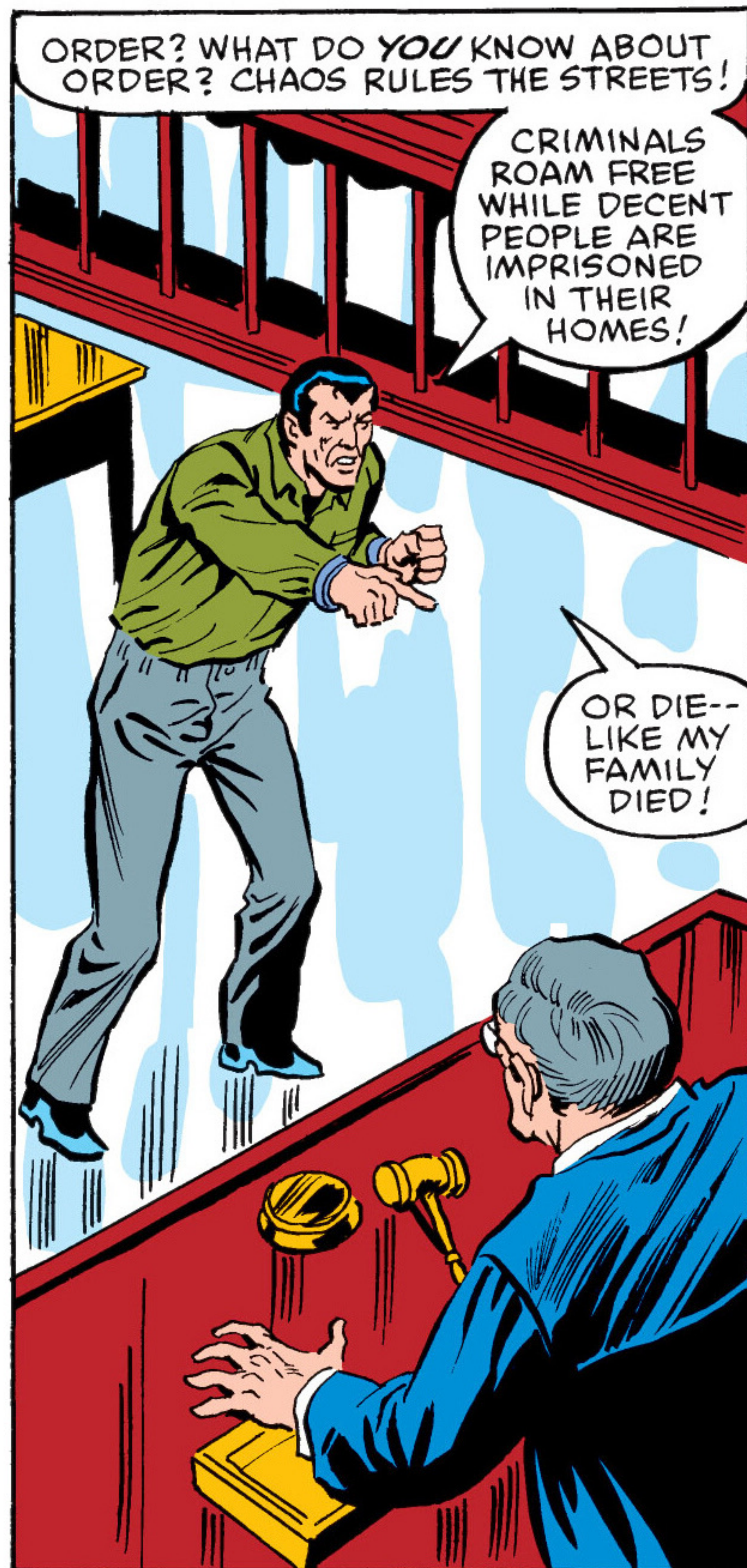
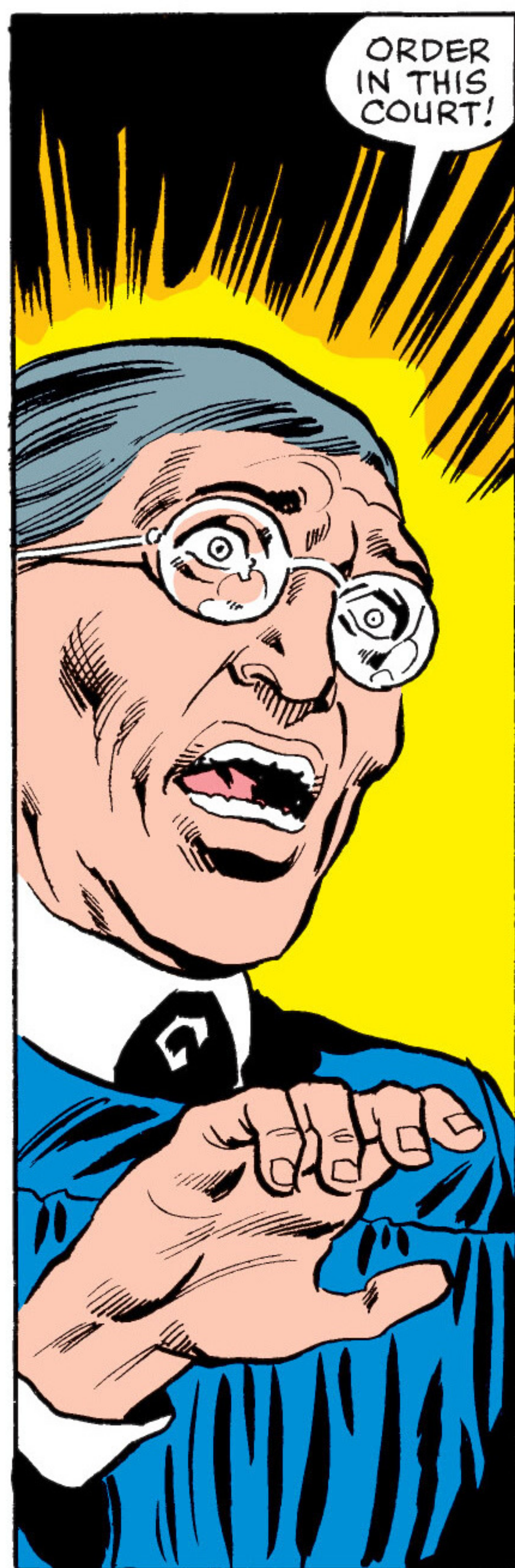
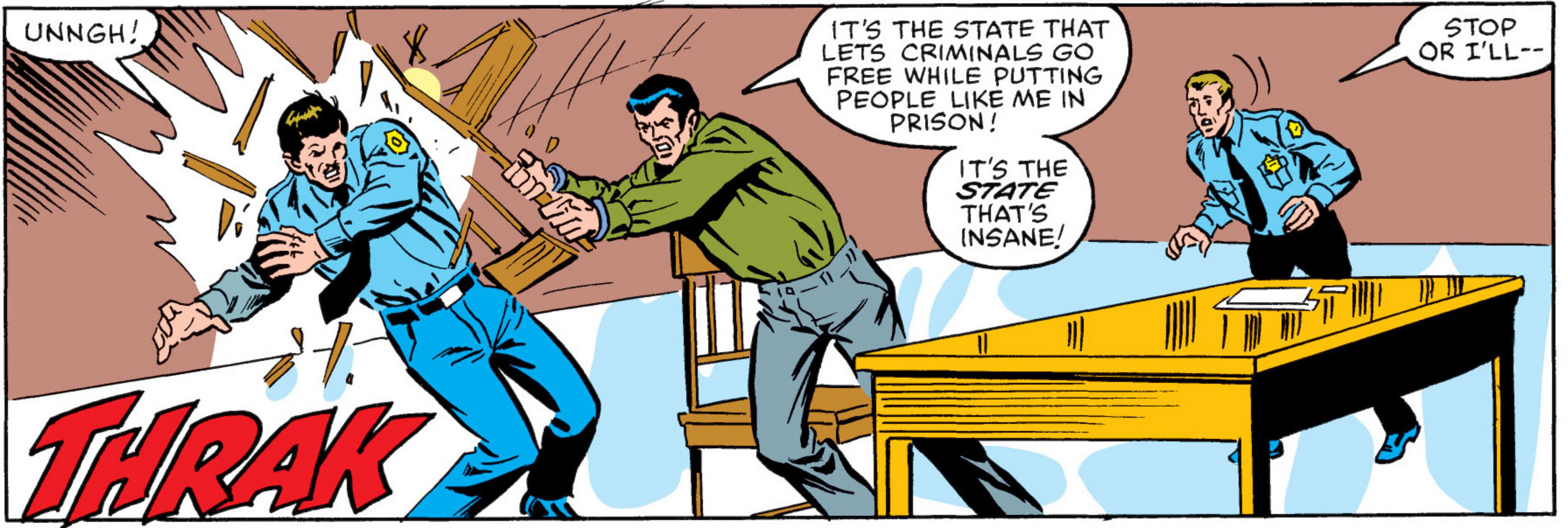


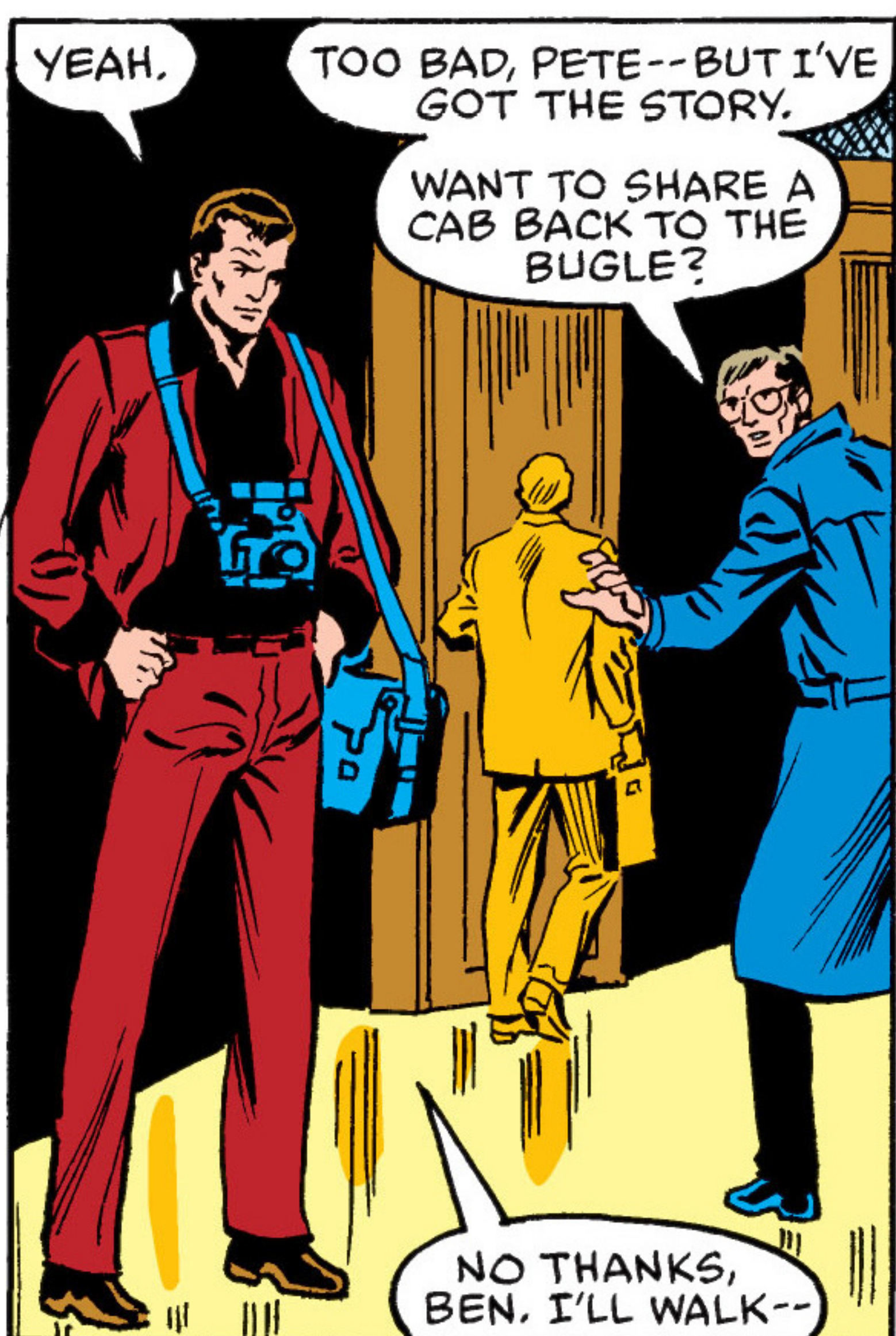
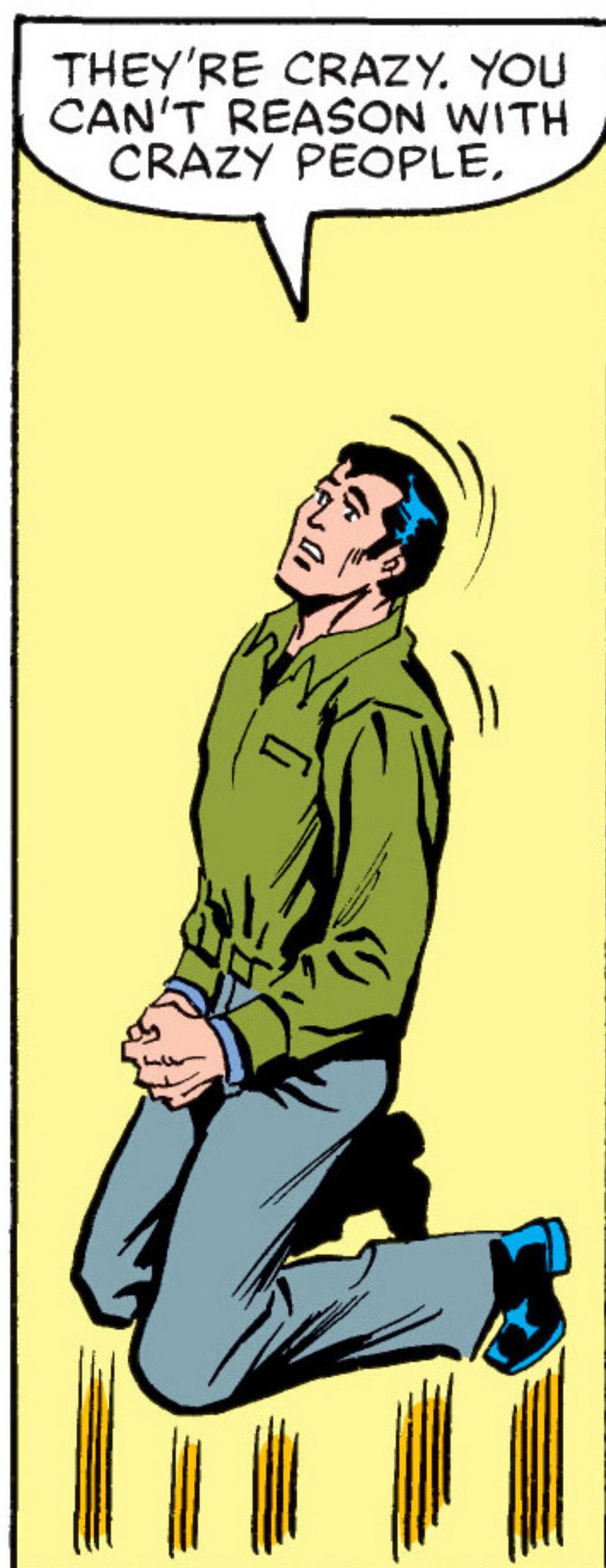
IN SO DOING, HE COMMITTED CRIMES HIMSELF, THE STATE DEMANDS THAT HE BE TRIED FOR THOSE CRIMES.

DEFENSE COUNSEL WILL NOW ADDRESS THE COURT.









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